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PETITIONER'S CHARGES IN SHANGHAI SUIT.

BITTER HOSTILITY OF FESSENDEN.

MR. EDWARDS' CLAIM AGAINST S.M.C.

CRITICAL ARTICLE.

(Our Own Correspondent).

Shanghai, Mar. 14. Spirited passages occurred during the cross-examination of Mr. S. M. Edwards, when the first hearing of his claim against the Shanghai Municipal Council was taken in the Council Chamber yesterday afternoon, when Mr. J. Van Houto, the Consul General for Belgium, presided over the Court of Consuls.

Mr. Edwards is claiming £5,000 as damages for breach of agreement, plus pay to the end of his agreement, which expires in September, 1932, and passage money.

The case is attracting considerable interest in Shanghai where public sympathy generally appears to be with the petitioner.

Inspirations.

In some spirited exchanges between Mr. Edwards and counsel for the S.M.C., Mr. Edwards alluded to Mr. Fessenden, the Director-General (who is absorbing the position of Secretary) as being bitterly hostile to him.

He also expressed surprise at the attention paid to insinuations regarding his competency at Council meetings at which he was neither present nor represented.

Petitioner ascribed his suspension from duty, without prejudice, as being indirectly due to an article which appeared in the *Showdown* in March 1929 in connexion with Mr. Fessenden's acceptance of the newly-created post of Director-General.

Mr. Fessenden's Belief.

Mr. Fessenden thought that the petitioner was responsible for the criticism expressed in the article, and wrote to him to that effect at that time.

Petitioner claimed that the notice of the termination of his agreement was a breach of the warranty given by the Council's London agents. The respondents had always held that their service was a permanent one.

The Council had not shown or attempted to show good cause for their decision to terminate Mr. Edwards' appointment.

Position untenable.

By reason of the Council's action, Mr. Edwards' position had been rendered untenable. He was unable properly or adequately to carry out his duties as he was entitled to do. Further, by permitting their decision to become known by subordinates, the public and the Press, the Council had caused him to suffer loss, damage and injury to his reputation and prospects.

He claimed the terms to which he was entitled under his agreement, also £5,000 damages and costs.

Council's Answer.

The respondents denied that their agents gave the alleged warranty of permanency of service, or, if they did so, they had no authority.

In view of the Land Regulations, it was ultra vires for the Council or their agents to make any such warranty.

The Council denied that their service was a permanent one, and also denied any obligation to re-engage Mr. Edwards or to renew his employment beyond September 1932.

The Council further stated that

LABOUR MINISTRY CHANGES.

MR. HENRY SNELL RAISED TO PEERAGE.

ONCE A FARM WORKER.

London, Mar. 13. His Majesty the King has approved the appointment of Lord Ponsonby to be Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster, in succession to Major Attlee, who has gone to the Post Office, as Postmaster-General.

Mr. Henry Snell, a member of the Imperial Economic Committee, has been appointed Under-Secretary of State for India, in succession to the late Earl Russell.

Mr. John Allen Parkinson, a Government Whip, Labour M.P. for Wigan, becomes Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Transport in succession to Lord Ponsonby.

The King has conferred a barony upon Mr. Snell, who is the son of an agricultural labourer, and who started life himself as an agricultural labourer. He was afterwards a groom, ferryman and postman; became clerk at the Nottingham Blind Institution, followed by nine years as Agent of the Woolwich and Nottingham Charity Organisation Societies.

He was then appointed secretary to the first Director of the London School of Economics, and afterwards Hutchison Trust Lecturer to the Fabian Society. It has been Labour M.P. for East Woolwich, where a by-election becomes necessary, since 1922. He is a member of the Executive Committee of the Fabian Society and Chairman of the British Ethical Union. —*Reuter*.

OIL FIRMS TAKE A PLEDGE.

REDUCING IMPORTS INTO UNITED STATES.

Washington, Mar. 13. A voluntary agreement between the Government and the most important oil importing companies, for the purpose of reducing oil imports by several million barrels yearly, is announced by Mr. Wilbur, the Secretary for the Interior, to-day.

The Home Secretary declined to state the exact number of barrels affected, but he said he had been advised that the Royal Shell and the Pan-American Petroleum Company would co-operate as much as possible.

The agreement is unwritten and consists merely of a pledge by the individual companies to do their best to curtail imports. —*Reuter's American Service*.

MR. LANG'S INTEREST REGULATION.

N.S.W. GOVERNMENT'S PLAN OUTLINED.

Sydney, Mar. 13. The New South Wales Government has published plans for the regulation of interest rates.

The chief features of the scheme are the limitation of interest on Government borrowings to three per cent, and of private loans to five per cent.

Interest on bank deposits range from one and a half to three per cent, but the Government Savings Banks and the Crown are exempt from this condition. —*Reuter*.

or that, if it did, it was a breach of agreement.

They asked that the petition be dismissed with costs.

Rapid Promotion.

Mr. Edwards arrived in Shanghai in July 1923 and his agreement was entered into in August. In April, 1924, under a new agreement he was appointed Senior Assistant. In May, 1925, he was appointed Assistant Secretary, and in April of the following year, he was made acting Secretary, being appointed Secretary in October, 1926, at a monthly salary of Tls. 1,500.

The agreement regarding the Secretarieship was renewed in December, 1929.

The hearing was adjourned until

AIR MYSTERY CLEARED UP.

FRENCHMEN LAND AT MACAO.

WERE WITHIN HALF AN HOUR OF HONGKONG.

ARRIVE TO-DAY.

The mystery of the non-arrival in Hongkong yesterday of the two French military aviators, Burtin and Moenche, who left Hanoi with Kai Tack Aerodrome as their destination at eleven o'clock yesterday morning, has been cleared up by the *Telegraph's* Macao correspondent.

A cable from our correspondent received this morning states: "A French Farman monoplane, with two aviators aboard, landed at Macao last evening, in the course of a flight to Tokyo from Paris. They informed me that they are hopping off for Hongkong this morning."

Bad Weather.

It seems clear now that the weather conditions which were far from favourable to the flight caused an interruption when the airmen were within half an hour's flight of their destination.

Freshening head winds and poor visibility, combined with threats of a severe rainstorm, were experienced all the way from Hanoi, causing the airmen to take longer over the trip than was expected.

Belated Message.

Meanwhile, a belated Reuter message comes to hand from Hanoi announcing the arrival of Burtin and Moenche in Indo-China, and adding that their total flying-time since they took off from Paris on March 2, was only 77 hours.

They arrived in Hanoi on Thursday afternoon, and took off for Hongkong, after delaying two hours on account of the unfavourable conditions, yesterday morning, according to a Bill presented to Parliament by the Transport Minister, Mr. Herbert Morrison, to be co-ordinated under the London Passenger Transport Board to be appointed by the Minister.

The Bill provides that the Board, which will govern London traffic within a radius of twenty-five miles of Charing Cross, shall have power to secure adequate and properly co-ordinated passenger services; to abandon tramways, subject to the approval of the Minister and the provision of alternative facilities; to improve the facilities of the existing services; to provide transport undertakings in addition to those transferred to it; and to provide new routes. —*British Wireless*.

Aerodrome Speculation.

When they failed to arrive yesterday afternoon, there was much speculation among officials at Kai Tack.

It was generally believed that they had found it expedient to stop over at Fort Bayard for the night owing to the foggy conditions, though the possibility of a mishap was not entirely ruled out.

We are informed that they are making use of Shell aviation spirit during their flight.

UNITED STATES AND NAVAL TREATY.

SIGNATURE NOT REGARDED AS NECESSARY.

Washington, Mar. 13. Mr. H. L. Stimson, the Secretary of State, has given an official intimation to the effect that the United States may not sign the Anglo-France-Italian Naval Treaty.

Mr. Stimson declared that he sees no reason for the signature of the United States as the agreement was not of direct concern to America. —*Reuters' American Service*.

"SUI TAI" OPIUM SEIZURE.

HAUL OF NEARLY 2,000 TAELS YESTERDAY.

FURTHER ARRESTS.

It was disclosed before Mr. Schofield at the Central Police Court this morning that the quantity of opium seized on board the s.s. Sul Tui, the Macao steamer, yesterday morning, amounted to 1,920 taels of the raw drug.

In connexion with the seizure four further members of the crew were arrested and this morning brought before Mr. Schofield on charges of possession. The new defendants were Ng Sau, Leung Lan, fireman, and Chang Hang, second engineer.

Messrs. Lo & Lo have been instructed to defend Lai Pui, while Mr. A. E. Hall represented Chan Hui.

The report caused consternation in political circles as Mr. Hartshorn was only 58 years of age, and there had been no suspicion that he was in anything but the best of health.

His loss is a heavy blow to the Labour Cabinet, of which he was one of the most prominent figures, although he joined the Cabinet only last year, after the Simon Commission had presented its Report.

He was one of the Prime Minister's closest friends and best loved colleagues.

Latterly, in his capacity as Lord Privy Seal, he had been concentrating on the unemployment problem.

Second This Month.

He is the second member of the Labour Ministry to pass away since the beginning of March, the death of Earl Russell at Marseilles occurring ten days ago.

Mr. Vernon Hartshorn was born at Pontywaun, Monmouthshire, in 1872, and became a miner in early boyhood as an underground worker.

In course of time, he became a clerk in the colliery company's office, a checkweighman, and a miners' agent. During the 1912 dispute, he was regarded as the directing mind of the men's leaders, being a brilliant negotiator and organiser.

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Arrival in Hongkong.

Later.

The fliers landed at Kai Tack shortly before eleven o'clock this morning.

It is understood that owing to the prevailing bad weather conditions, the next "hop" (to Shanghai) will not be attempted to-day.

We are informed that they are making use of Shell aviation spirit during their flight.

INDISCREET JAPANESE CORRESPONDENTS.

Nanking, Mar. 13. It has been disclosed that Mr. C. T. Wang, Foreign Minister, has refused to grant Japanese newspaper representatives an interview on Sino-Japanese problems on the ground that representatives of a particular Japanese News Agency have incurred the displeasure of several Nationalist officials by the dissemination of false rumours.

The correspondents belong to one of the well-known Japanese News Agencies operating in China, and in stating that he entertained no personal feeling against other Japanese correspondents who made their headquarters in Nanking, Mr. Wang said the Foreign Office would continue to give them every facility.

LORD STAMFORDHAM.

London, Mar. 13. The progress of Lord Stamfordham, Private Secretary to the King, is more satisfactory, but slow. He passed a comfortable night.

SUDDEN DEATH OF THE LORD PRIVY SEAL.

CABINET MINISTER DROPS DEAD.

THE RT. HON. VERNON HARTSHORN.

A MINERS' LEADER.

London, Mar. 13.

The Rt. Hon. Vernon Hartshorn, P.C., Lord Privy Seal, dropped down dead at his home in Maesteg, Bridgend, Monmouthshire, this morning.

London, Mar. 13.

The champion ash can roller of Massachusetts asked the New York Athletic Commission for permission to roll an ash can up Broadway. He wants to make his debut.

Some people are such bad bridge players that when they die it'll be found that they even revoked their wills.

One disadvantage to that railway France is building across the Sahara is that they will find it difficult to advertise its grand scenic route.

Another Club is only as strong as its weakest drink.

New-style pyjamas, a fashion noways, will be trimmed with sleigh bells. They should have a popular appeal!

Nothing exceeds like excess.

"Doctor's Car Stolen," says heading. As it was worth over \$2,000, we feel inclined to describe the theft as a major operation.

War Service.

He was also regarded as one of the turbulent spirits of the South Wales coalfields, though he took a patriotic line during the war, and in the responsibilities of office on the Coal Controller's Advisory Committee he shed his predilection for short cuts and hot air. He was awarded the O.B.E. for his services.

As a member of the South Wales Miners' Executive and of the National Executive of the Miners' Federation, he was a power in the dispute of 1920, though he resigned both positions when the strike was terminated.

Later, however, he was elected President of the South Wales Federation, a position which he held until his lamented death to-day. At Maesteg he brought the organisation of the district to a pitch of efficiency probably not excelled in any of the coalfields.

Lender of Men.

A real leader of men, he proved himself a speaker capable of commanding attention in the House of Commons soon after his election for Ogmore in 1918. It is claimed that it was he who killed the Government's Coal Profits Bill, his intimate knowledge of the industry, combined with a knack of presenting facts and figures making a great impression. His speech on the Coal Mining (Re-organisation) Bill in 1928, when he urged a round-table conference, was described by an opponent as "the speech of a statesman."

Simon Commissioner.

In the Labour Government of 1924, he was appointed Postmaster-General. In 1927, he was appointed a member of the Simon Commission, as a Labour leader who had shown the keenest interest in Indian affairs, and he served with the Commission in India and England until the presentation of its remarkable report.

Under a spreading chestnut tree the village smithy stands. Since the l'il old outfit crossed the sea.

As the whole world under a recent poster, they certain have a hard ride.

The bright young things who were endeavouring to coin a cormorant for one of their number in the other evening should have adopted "Goldfinch." He appeared to be tanned!

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OPIUM TRAFFIC.

ORGANISED SHIPMENTS FROM CANTON.

Organised traffic in illicit opium between Canton and Hongkong was alleged by Mr. R. R. Todd, Assistant Superintendent of Imports and Exports, before Mr. Schofield at the Central Police Court yesterday afternoon, when three men were charged in connection with a huge seizure of contraband on the steamer Kwong Tung on March 6.

Fung Tang, described as an assistant compradore of the Kwong Tung, was charged with importing the opium as well as failing to enter on the manifests of the ship the opium which had been brought to Hongkong in a consignment of eight cases. Chu Yum was also charged with importing the opium, while Chan Yau was accused of dealing in opium at No. 2, Tung Street.

Mr. D. B. Evans appeared for Fung, Mr. Leo d'Almada for Chu and Mr. C. E. L. Grist for Chan, who all entered pleas of not guilty.

Mr. Todd, who conducted the prosecution, said that about 6.30 a.m. on March 6 a Chinese Revenue Officer was on duty at the Yuen On Wharf, alongside which was lying the Kwong Tung, after having arrived from Canton at midnight. The officer received information on the wharf that there was a suspicious consignment of eight cases on the ship.

The officer made some investigations and met a coolie carrying a case from the ship. The coolie had an envelope in his hand and, on being questioned, said that he was taking the case off the ship on behalf of another man, who had given him the envelope. The coolie conducted the detective to Chu who said he was a travelling trader. He told the officer that he had accompanied the eight cases from Canton, and admitted that they were for Chan. The officer sent the coolie for Chan, who admitted that he was the consignee of the eight cases and that he was merely transporting them on behalf of someone else in order to tranship them to Swatow.

Opium and Porcelain Bowls.

There was no entry in respect of the eight cases on the ship's manifest. A European Officer opened the cases and found only Chinese porcelain bowls in six of them and raw opium, in two. The quantity was 2,400 taels.

Revenue Officer Humphreys interviewed Fung who said he was in charge for that voyage in the absence of the No. 1 compradore. He admitted to the officer that he had received 80 cents for bringing the consignment to Hongkong. He could not, however, produce any receipt which was issued in respect of the consignment, nor had he entered the cases in the ship's manifests.

There were, therefore, some grounds for suspicion that the man concerned in the bringing down of the eight cases and he was taken into custody and charged, said Mr. Todd.

When Chan was searched, he continued deposit receipt issued by the Hongkong Electric Company referring to No. 2, Tung Street, second floor was found on him. Revenue Officers went to these premises and discovered two cases, similar to the eight cases which were brought down on the Kwong Tung. One was empty and the other contained raw opium. In those in six of the cases found on the Kwong Tung, a small quantity of opium was also found on the floor.

Clever Ruses.

A directory, which had been cleverly hollowed out, was found on the floor, the leaves bearing traces of opium. There was also a stack of enamel plates, which looked normal, but, when the top plate was removed, it was found that those in the middle had the bottoms removed,

leaving a hollow in the middle of the stack.

The presence of the two cases at No. 2, Tung Street, resulted in a charge of dealing in opium being brought against Chan.

Evidence bearing out Mr. Todd's outline was given and the hearing was adjourned.

LOCAL RADIO.

UNION CHURCH RELAY ON SUNDAY MORNING.

The radio programme to be broadcast by Z. B. W. on a wavelength of 365 metres to-day is—

4.00-7.00 p.m. Chinese Programme.
7.00-11.30 p.m. European Programme of Columbia Records kindly supplied by Meares, Anderson Music Co.

7.00-7.45 p.m. Variety.
Orchestral-Egyptian Serenade.

The London Young Orchestra. 139.

Song-Sir Harry Lauder Song Medley.

Hector Gordon and the Singing Scotties. 144.

Dialogue, Piano Impressions b. The British Pantomime.

Mr. Flota and Mr. Jetman. 358.

Instrumental Duo-Nigged Town.

Vibrante Banjo by Ernest Jones.

Piano by Jack Venables. 5683.

Laughter Record-A Warm Corner.

Leslie Henson, Heather Thatcher.

Austin McLeod and Prince's Theatre London Company. 140.

Organ Solo-With a Song in My Heart.

Quentin M. MacLean. 46.

An Old Time Sing Song.

Descriptive with Charles Coborn in the Chair. 21.

Pianoforte Solo-A Cottage for Sale.

Fred Olding. 188.

7.45-8.00 p.m.

A Midsummer Night's Dream—Overture (Mendelssohn).

Sir Henry J. Wood and the New Queen's Hall Orchestra.

2659 and 2660.

8-8.45 p.m. Orchestral and Band Music.

Rudolf Radetsky Memories (Rubens).

Ivan Caryll Memories (Caryll).

Debry Somers Band. 9882.

Three Dances from Henry VIII (German).

Bournemouth Municipal Orchestra. 9821.

National Military Band Conducted by Stanford Robinson. 239.

Echoes Of The Valley (Gennari).

The Merry Brothers (Genovese).

The Bournemouth Municipal Orchestra. 9821.

Classical Memories (Ewing).

Debry Singers Band. 9901.

The Bullring March (Kotan).

The Regimental Band of H. M. Grenadier Guards. 364.

8.45-9.00 p.m. Two Octets.

Memories of Johann Strauss (Arr. Willoughby).

Practidrum (Jarnach).

The J. H. Squire Celeste Octet. 203 and 2096.

9.00 p.m. Weather Report, Local Time, etc.

9.00-9.30 p.m. Concert Items.

Pianoforte Solo-Hungarian Rhapsody No. 12 (List).

William Murdoch. 9822.

Vocal-Duet-The Magic Flute-The Manly (Mozart).

Miriam Liedtke and Dennis Noble. 956.

Violin Solo-Cavatina (Raff).

Arthur Catterall. 9439.

Song-The Green Blower (McGill and Baker).

Raymond Newell (Barbitone). 206.

9.30-11.30 p.m. Dance Programme.

Fox Trot-Sunny Sunflower Land. 192.

Fox Trot-Daughter Of The Latin Quarter.

Fox Trot-More Than You Know. 191.

Fox Trot-What Good Am I Without You.

Fox Trot-Songs I Heard At Mother's Knee. 188.

Waltz-Down The Lane To Home.

Fox Trot-Put Your Worries Through The Mangle. 195.

Fox Trot-Wander Bar.

One Sten-Yoi Yoi Mr. Cohen. 186.

Fox Trot-What's The Matter Abie.

Slow Fox Trot-Don't Tell Her What Happened. 196.

Fox Trot-Never Swat A Fly.

Waltz-You Will Remember Vienna. 200.

Fox Trot-I Bring A Love Song.

Fox Trot-Memories Of You. 203.

Fox Trot-You're Luckier Than Me.

Slow Fox Trot-A Little Love Song. 187.

Fox Trot-Me Desire.

Slow Fox Trot-In A Little Room. 201.

Waltz-The Silver-Toned Chimes of the Angels.

Fox Trot-Won't It Nice. 160.

Fox Trot-Take Along A Little Love.

One Sten-You're Gonna Be.

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So Get Busy, Sam!

Young. 197.

One Step-Slitin' On A Five Barred Gate.

Fox Trot-Oh Donna Clara. 169.

Waltz-Little Russian Rose.

Fox Trot-Go Home and Tell Your Mother. 171.

Slow Fox Trot-I'm Doin' That Thing.

Fox Trot-Dear Dear. 167.

Fox Trot-In The Cool Of The Evening.

Waltz-It's For You. 191.

Fox Trot-Why Am I So Romantic.

Fox Trot-Little Tommy Tucker. 168.

Slow Fox Trot-Let's Be Sentimental.

Waltz-My Hero. 9460.

Waltz-The Merry Widow. 209.

God Save The King. 8,000-10,000 p.m.

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'Collar-Mr. I. Scante.

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CHURCH NOTICES.

To-morrow the Fourth Sunday in Lent.

LOCAL SERVICES:

St. John's Cathedral, Hongkong, March 15, 1931. Fourth Sunday in Lent (Rothering Sunday). Holy Communion, 8 a.m. Holy Communion (Peak Church) 8 a.m. Children's Service 10 a.m. Preacher: Rev. V. Koop. Subject: "Is Christian Science Christianity?" Holy Communion 12.15 p.m. Lecture at 6.30 p.m., followed by discussion. Subject: "What of Sunday?" Lecturer: The Dean.

Union Church, Kennedy Road, Sunday, 15th March, 1931. Children's Sunday. Morning Service, Broadcast, 11 a.m. Evening Service, 6 p.m. Preacher: Rev. E. G. Powell. Social Hour after Evening Service, Broadcast at 8 p.m.

First Church of Christ Scientist, Macdonnell Road, below Bowen Road Tram Station. Sunday Service, 11.15 a.m. Subject "Substance." The Sunday School is held on Sunday Mornings, at 10 o'clock. Wednesday Evening Meeting at 5.30 p.m. Reading Room at above address open Tuesday and Friday, 10 a.m. to 12 noon, Monday and Thursday, 5.30 to 7 p.m. The Public is cordially invited to attend the service and visit the Reading Room. Branch of The Mother Church. The First Church of Christ Scientist, in Boston, Mass., U.S.A.

NOTICE.

The Good Press Day will be celebrated at the Catholic Cathedral on Sunday, the 15th March, Morning Service: High Mass at 8 a.m.

Afternoon Service: Rosary, Sermon and Benediction at 4 p.m.

The Band of the St. Louis Industrial School will be in attendance in the afternoon.

New Advertisements.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Ordinary Yearly Meeting of Shareholders of The Hong Kong and Shanghai Hotels, Limited, will be held at the Registered Office of the Company (Exchange Building, Des Voeux Road Central, Hong Kong), on Thursday the 16th day of April, 1931, at 11.30 a.m. for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Board of Directors for the year ended on the 31st December, 1930, confirming the appointment of a Director and re-electing a Director and the Auditors.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from Wednesday, the 1st April, 1931, until Thursday, the 16th April 1931, both days inclusive.

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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS

Notice is hereby given that the Thirty-fifth Ordinary Yearly Meeting of the Shareholders in the Company will be held at the Company's Town Office 2 Lower Albert Road, on Wednesday, the 18th March, 1931, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts, declaring a Dividend and re-electing Directors and Auditors.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 7th to the 18th March 1931, both days inclusive.

By order of the Board of Directors,

J. D. THOMSON,
Acting Secretary.
Hongkong, 27th February, 1931.

THE HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE CO. LTD.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS

The Sixty-second Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the Offices of the undersigned on Thursday, the 25th March, 1931, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Manager, together with a statement of Accounts for the year ended the 31st December, 1930.

The Share Register and Transfer Books will be closed from the 12th to the 26th March, 1931, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON &

COMPANY, LIMITED.
General Managers.
The Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Ltd.
Hongkong, 5th March, 1931.

THE HONGKONG ELECTRIC CO., LTD.

Notice is hereby given that the Forty-second Ordinary Yearly Meeting will be held at the Company's Offices, P. and O. Building, on Wednesday, 18th March, 1931, at 11 a.m. for the purpose of presenting the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1930 and electing Directors and Auditors.

The Register of Members of the Company will be closed from 5th March, 1931 to 18th March, 1931, both days inclusive, during which period no Transfer of Shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of

Directors,
GIBR, LIVINGSTON &
CO., LTD.,
Agents.

A. S. WATSON & CO. LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Forty-sixth Annual Ordinary General Meeting of the Company (since its registration) will be held at the Hongkong Hotel, Hongkong, on Monday, the 16th March, 1931, at 11.30 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers, together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st October, 1930.

The Register of Shares of the Company will be closed from Wednesday, the 11th day of March, to Tuesday, the 17th day of March, 1931, both days inclusive, during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON, General Managers, Hongkong, 5th March, 1931.

G. R.

PARTICULARS AND CONDITIONS of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on Monday, the 16th day of March, 1931 at 3 p.m., at the Office of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one Lot of Crown Land at Mong Kok Tau, in the Colony of Hong Kong for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the King, for one further term of 75 years.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements	Comments in feet	Annual Rent.	Upset Price.
1	Kowloon Island Lot No. 2142	Between Kowloon Inland Lots 2139 and 2141, Tung Choi Street.	N. S. E. W. feet feet feet feet	About 10,350 As per sale plan.	\$150	\$27,125

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PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements	Comments in feet	Annual Rent.	Upset Price.
2	Kowloon Island Lot No. 2435	South of Kowloon Inland Lots 2139 and 2141, Tung Choi Street.	N. S. E. W. feet feet feet feet	About 8,639 As per sale plan.	\$188	\$17,288

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PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements	Comments in feet	Annual Rent.	Upset Price.
3	Kowloon Island Lot No. 2438	Between Kowloon Inland Lots 2142, 2143, 2144, Tung Choi Street.	N. S. E. W. feet feet feet feet	About 7,058 As per sale plan.	\$150	\$21,000

GREEN ISLAND CEMENT COMPANY, LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the 42nd Ordinary Annual Meeting of the Shareholders will be held at the Office of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., on THURSDAY, the 19th March, 1931, AT NOON, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1930.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from Wednesday, the 11th day of March, to Tuesday, the 17th day of March, 1931, both days inclusive.

By order of the Board of Directors,

F. H. CRAPNELL

Secretary.

Hongkong, 2nd March, 1931.

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JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,

General Managers,
Hongkong, 5th March, 1931.

ALLAN KEITH,

Secretary,
Hongkong, 19th February, 1931.

NOTICE.

The Good Press Day will be celebrated at the Catholic Cathedral on Sunday, the 15th March, Morning Service: High Mass at 8 a.m.

Afternoon Service: Rosary, Sermon and Benediction at 4 p.m.

The Band of the St. Louis Industrial School will be in attendance in the afternoon.

G. R.

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PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements	Comments in feet	Annual Rent.	Upset Price.
4	Kowloon Island Lot No. 2439	Between Kowloon Inland Lots 2142, 2143, 2144, Tung Choi Street.	N. S. E. W. feet feet feet feet	About 7,058 As per sale plan.	\$150	\$21,000

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PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements	Comments in feet	Annual Rent.	Upset Price.
5	Kowloon Island Lot No. 2440	Between Kowloon Inland Lots 2142, 2143, 2144, Tung Choi Street.	N. S. E. W. feet feet feet feet	About 7,058 As per sale plan.	\$150	\$21,000

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PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

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FRECKLES AND HIS FRIENDS

Terrible Black Cavern!

By Blosser

WOMEN'S WORLD FOR OUR LADY READERS.

FASHION NOTES.

The New Silhouette.

There is no change in the silhouette. Belts are still placed rather high, sometimes running up slightly in the front, with blousing in the back. The tunic motif continues throughout the daytime models, but, to-day, it is often in the front only that the effect is given. It is quite short, or cut into slightly flared, or rounded sections, in a new way.

We see an indication of the revival of draped skirts, especially for evening, in the near future. Some evening skirts touch the floor, the newest ones are ankle-length, and these are particularly recommended to your attention, as they are the prettiest, and the easiest to wear.

There may be a train to a dress this season, but no one takes trains seriously.

Hem-lines are level for all times of day.

With regard to long skirts, they are either straight and Greek in inspiration, or have the lines broken with frills and flounces in all directions, the bustle even being seen on some of the newest models.

As for waistlines, there is an indication of a different feeling in bodices. Instead of short, baby waistlines, the bodice is now often carried down on to the hips by inset sections, with belts, at the normal waistline, or on the hipbone. The Empire waistline is sometimes seen, but, as this requires a very slender figure, few are the women who will dare to attempt it.

Of Artificial Silk.



The idea of choosing artificial silk marocain for an evening gown is "correct" as economical, especially when the marocain is in the new shade known as "vert-de-gris," and the frock is fashioned on rather severe lines.

TO-DAY'S RECIPE.

Tasty Savouries.

Cheese and Tomato Toast: Take a sufficient number of rounds of hot-buttered toast and spread with a paste made by mixing half a gill of grated cheese with three tablespoonfuls of cream, good seasonings and a dash each of cayenne and paprika. Take two medium-sized tomatoes, skin them and cut into slices. Put a slice on each round of toast and heat in the oven for five minutes, or until they are brown round the edges.

Cheese Canapes: Take some rounds of buttered toast, spread very thinly with made mustard and then very thickly with grated cheese. Sprinkle with salt and cayenne, and bake or grill until the cheese is melted. Serve with a few canapés or rings of olive.

Fish Canapes: Chop half an onion and fry it with three tablespoonfuls of butter and three tablespoonfuls of chopped mushrooms, and then add two tablespoonfuls of flour and a gill of milk. When the mixture thickens add a cupful of flaked cooked haddock, two tablespoonfuls of grated cheese and the beaten yolks of two eggs. Season well, heap on rounds of toast, sprinkle with grated cheese and bread-crums and add dabs of butter, and bake until brown.

JEWELLED BUTTONS.

A smart little formal afternoon dress of rich green velvet has a cute double-breasted bodice, with lace at the neck, that is ornamented with four gleaming gold buttons set in many rhinestones.

For Home Wear.



FOR CLEVER FINGERS.

Home-Made Waste Paper Basket.

Every room should have its own waste paper basket, as this inculcates habits of tidiness. Baskets can be easily made at home, using such materials as cardboard, cretonne, or raffia cloth.

Take a flat piece of cardboard the depth of the basket you wish to make. Sew on hat wire at each long side, and cover this with a scrap of muslin for neatness.

Now cut a piece of cretonne large enough to cover one long side of the cardboard, and allow one inch at each edge, for wrap over. Stick this to the cardboard with cold boiled starch.

When it is thoroughly dry, bend the cardboard into a circle, with the cretonne inside. Allow the edges to over-lap one inch, and sew together firmly, taking small stitches on the outside, and large stitches on the inside.

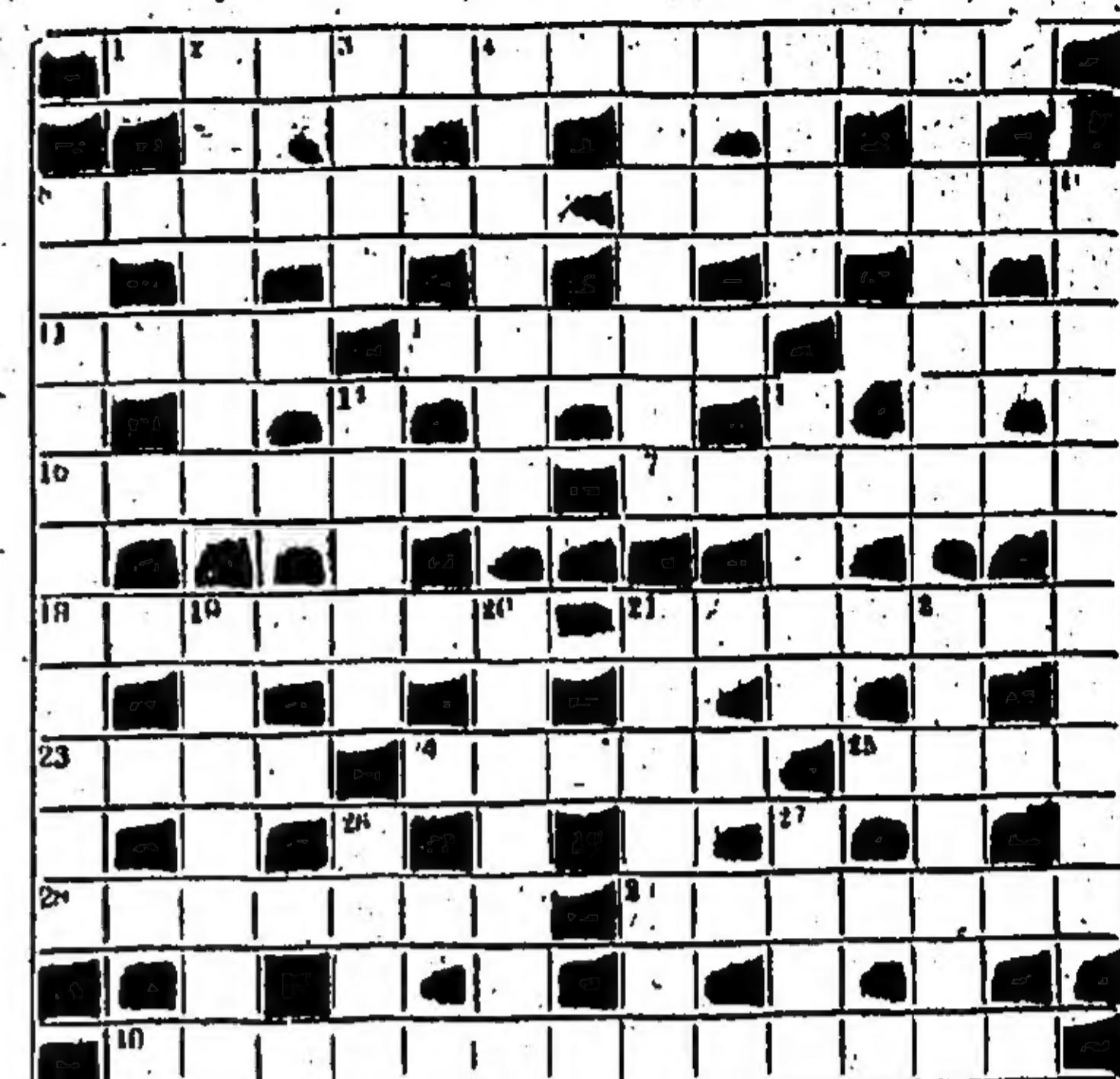
Cut a circle of cardboard to fit the bottom, place in position, and paste a strip of strong calico all round the edge, to fasten it to the side of the basket.

Next, cut a circle of cretonne to cover the bottom, and extend one inch up each side. Paste well, snip the edges to make them fit well, and paste in position.

Now cut cretonne to cover the outside, making one inch turnings at the top, bottom and side joining. Paste, and fix. If liked, trim the top of the basket with fancy gold galon to provide a neat finish.

Steel-grey georgette makes a trim little frock for home wear. It is cleverly "placed" to suggest a bolero effect on the bodice, and a slender yoke above the flared fold-over skirt.

OUR BRITISH CROSSWORDS.



Across
1 I'm sorry, but here you must enter a state of exceeding gloom.
2 Suitable condition for a muffin. You may find liquor in it.
3 Last year the man who grew plums was the first part in the sale of the second part.
4 Bars in stables that are very familiar to 4 down.
5 Europeans who head the roll—at tea-time.
6 "I am — of all I survey" (Cowper, "Alexander Solkirk").
7 A potent weapon in the armory of the controversialist.
8 This entry is not made in the best book-keeping circles.
10 Generally marked off by upright curves.
14 Bars in stables that are very familiar to 4 down.
15 Europeans who head the roll—at tea-time.
19 "I am — of all I survey" (Cowper, "Alexander Solkirk").
20 A Shetland pony.
21 There is a painful ending to this pastoral poem.
22 Unexpectedly.
26 Although not its name, a ship will answer to this.
27 If our information is true, he is kindly, but sarcastic (hidden).
Yesterday's Solution.

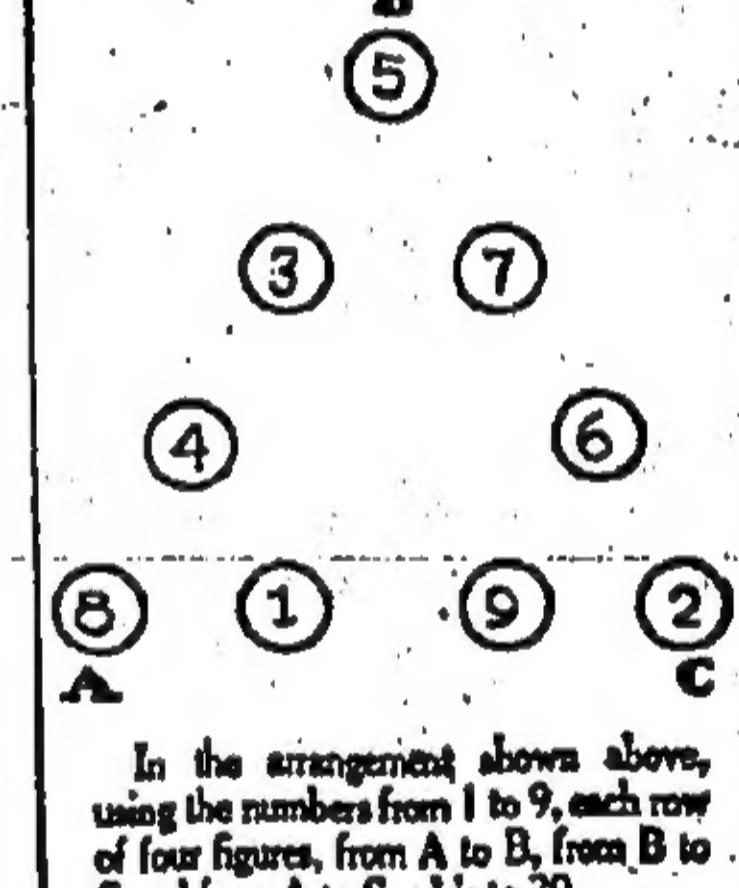
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OF THE UNITED NATIONS
UNION OF ALIENS
ONCE AGAIN
ALONE IN THERE
SO HEARTLESS
TANGLING TEASES
FLASHES
UNSTOPPABLE
LITTLE SALADS
NEED NOT POACH
EFFACED
SADELY AIRSHIP
SIGHTS
DISMABRASS

Yesterday's Solution

STICKERS

ITIL

The letters shown above can be arranged to form a famous oriental symbol that signifies "Good Luck." Can you arrange them properly?



WILL MYSTERY.

SEARCH FOR LEVANTINE AT NICE.

Paris, Feb. 6.

Interesting developments have occurred in the mystery of Mr. Drinan, the Englishman who died at Nice a year ago, leaving \$70,000 to the London police poor-boxes. Mr. Drinan, who had been saving all his life, was believed to have possessed a much larger fortune, and investigations are being carried out with the object of discovering what became of the rest of the money—if it existed.

Information is being sought concerning the movements of a Levantine, Mr. Halat, who may prove able to throw light on the matter. Mr. Halat conducts a small financial agency, the Anglo-American Exchange Office, in the Rue Macarant at Nice.

Mr. Drinan is known to have had business dealings with him, and it is thought possible that shortly before his death the two may have transacted some deal which might lead to the tracing of the \$150,000 odd alleged to be missing from the Englishman's inheritance. It is however, also thought quite conceivable that this sum never really existed at all except in the testator's imagination.

Inquiries made yesterday at Mr. Halat's house revealed that the Levantine had just left Nice for a month's sea voyage in the Mediterranean. According to Mrs. Halat her husband is making the trip for the sake of his health. She was unable to say where he had embarked or what ports the ship would touch at.

By Blosser

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DEATH.

HAMSON—At 1.15 a.m. to-day (March 14), Richard Henry Hamson, Chief Engineer, s.s. Kwong Sui, Aged 60 years. Funeral will pass the Monument at 5 p.m. to-day. (Australian papers please copy).

The
Hongkong Telegraph.

SATURDAY MARCH 14, 1931.

MR. BALDWIN CLEARS THE AIR.

By the obvious sincerity of his Parliamentary speech on the Indian question, Mr. Baldwin has done an immense service both to his country and the Party of which he is the head. It is now made abundantly clear that there is no question of the Conservatives throwing in their hand and declining to co-operate in the solution of the problem. Until his utterance of Thursday, however, there was every ground for believing that a change of policy had been decided upon. Had that been the case, India's political leaders might well have begun to doubt not only the sincerity of the Conservatives, which would, perhaps, have not greatly mattered, since they are not in power, but also the bona fides of British statesmen in general. The whole trouble appears to have been caused by the issuing of a statement which was far too bald and uninformative in character, one which could have been and was interpreted in such a way as to suggest that Mr. Baldwin and his followers had tired of the policy of co-operation. In other words, the Conservative leader, in all good faith, committed an error in tactics, creating an impression which has now happily been entirely removed.

The misunderstanding is easily explained. When the possibility of the Round Table Conference resuming its discussions in India became known, Mr. Baldwin thought fit to consult his colleagues on the question, with the result that a unanimous conclusion was reached that the prevailing atmosphere in that country was unsuitable for the taking of such a step. Possibly the fear was that the Conference, if held in India, would be driven into making more concessions than if the continuing discussions were held in England. Be that as it may, the Conservatives resolved that they could take no part in any deliberations in India. It was evidently not Mr. Baldwin's intention to disclose this fact until the Parliamentary debate took place, but he got wind of the fact that there were communications taking place between members of the Committee and a hostile section of the Press, and, evidently anxious that the position should not be distorted, he

caused an official statement to be issued. Unfortunately, this was so worded as to create a totally wrong impression of the decision, even the Conservative organs conceding that it caused inevitable misunderstandings. The net result of Mr. Baldwin's well-meant plan was to do the very thing which he was anxious to avoid. In the circumstances, he should either have remained silent or have issued a much more informative statement than the one which was released for publication. The Times was right when it laid stress on the point that the vital words in the communiqué were "in India." It has, since been announced, however, that the Conference will resume its deliberations in England, a fact which makes the position infinitely easier.

Mr. Baldwin has put beyond all doubt that there was never any question of the Conservatives declining to co-operate on the general Indian problem. The objection was merely on a point of procedure. They are still anxious and willing to carry on the good work, joining hands with all parties, with the common objective of an All-India Federation. It is true that Mr. Baldwin says there is no question of anyone in his Party committing himself beyond honestly endeavouring to meet the difficulties which may arise, but, after all, that is as far as any Party can go at the moment. The time for final decision has not yet arrived; only when a cut-and-dried plan has been evolved will it be possible for the Parties to indicate their considered attitude. But there is no ambiguity whatever about Mr. Baldwin's assurance of full-hearted co-operation at the present juncture. His sincerity can be imagined when he invites the Party to choose a new leader if the majority view is that the problem of India should be faced in a higgardly or grudging manner. Fortunately, there is no indication that that is the case, the Churchills notwithstanding. Apart from the value of Mr. Baldwin's declaration in reassuring Indian opinion, it is even more to be welcomed because of the magnificent tribute which he paid to Lord Irwin. On all counts, the utterance was worthy of a Party leader who, whatever his failings, has always shown himself a man of high integrity and transparent sincerity.

The Forsaken Wife.
From a legal standpoint, Miss Eleanor Rathbone's Will and Intestacy Bill is one of the most interesting measures submitted to Parliament during the present session. It seeks to prevent one partner of a marriage from disinheriting the other, and there will be ready sympathy for the Bill among those who have experienced cases of a devoted wife disinherited by a capricious husband. It will be generally agreed that protection is just as necessary after death as in life; that is to say, no-one should be allowed to escape his just liabilities and that wilful disinheritance should not be less amenable to law than the desertion of a wife. Legal luminaries are, however, extremely dubious regarding the wisdom of the measure. It is contended that few men maliciously refuse to provide for their families and that the Bill might create more injustices than it removes. The old adage that hard cases make bad law was quoted by opponents to the Measure, which however has been sent to a joint committee of the Lords and Commons. There is a good deal to be said for the argument that serious grievances might be caused by preventing a man, in any circumstances, from exercising the power of disinheritance. It is not always the husband who is to blame for an unhappy marriage, while cases have been known where children have forfeited every claim to testamentary consideration. It is extremely probable also that such a Bill, passed into law in its present form, would serve mainly to promote interminable legislation, and ultimately it would not be the wives and children, but the lawyers, who would become the beneficiaries. At all events, there is need for the closest scrutiny of certain clauses, the scope of which may be found to be much wider than intended.

DAY BY DAY

IN DIFFICULTY A SILENT TONGUE
AND A COOL HEAD ARE USUALLY
MAN'S BEST WEAPONS.—Katherine
Thurston.

It is advertised that the Good Friday Day will be celebrated to-morrow at the Roman Catholic Cathedral.

It is notified that the name of the Victoria Food Products Company, Limited, has been struck off the Register.

His Excellency the Governor has accepted the resignation of Second Lieutenant R. E. D. Adams of his Commission in the Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps.

A combined meeting of the China Coast Officers' Guild and the Marine Engineers' Guild of China is advertised for to-morrow, at 10.30 a.m., at the offices of the Guild, 67 Des Voeux Road Central.

The silk forwarded from Hongkong by the Empress of Asia on the 18th February arrived in New York (St. John's Park) and Hoboken on the 11th March, having been 21 days in transit.

His Excellency the Governor has re-appointed, provisionally and subject to His Majesty's pleasure, the Hon. Sir Henry Pollock, K.C., to be an Unofficial Member of the Executive Council for a further period of five years.

The Hongkong A.D.C. gave another splendid performance of "Art and Mrs. Bottles" at the Theatre Royal last night in the presence of a delighted audience. The final show takes place to-night, when there will doubtless be a full house.

His Honour the Chief Justice has ordered that a Special Criminal Session shall be held on Monday, 16th inst. at 10 o'clock in the forenoon. The Ordinary Criminal Sessions will open on the 18th day of March, and is not affected by this Special Session.

Royal Observatory returns for February showing that the average temperature was 61.3, the highest being 72.9 and the lowest 50.5. The rainfall was only 0.56-inch, whilst the sunshine was also extremely little, totalling 28.4 hours compared with a normal total of 93.8 hours.

Vice-Admiral Herr, Commander-in-Chief of the French Forces in Far Eastern Waters, made an official landing at Statue Pier at 10 o'clock this morning, accompanied by his Staff Officers, and with the French Consul-General (M. Dufuro de la Prade), paid an official call at Government House.

The Governor-in-Council, in pursuance of the power conferred upon him by section 5 (4) of the Dangerous Drugs Ordinance, 1923, has declared that the Ordinance shall henceforth apply to di-hydro-morphinone and its salts and any preparation, admixture, extract or other substance containing any proportion of di-hydro-morphinone.

The health bulletin of Eastern Ports for the week ending the 7th Inst. shows the following cases of infectious diseases and the deaths thereof: Plague, Bagdad 2 cases, 1 death, Bassan 1 case, Colombo 2 cases, 2 deaths, Pnom-Penh 1 case, 1 death, Cholera 65 cases, 39 deaths, Madras 6 deaths, Chittagong 1 case, 1 death, Pomegranate 39 cases, 9 deaths, Calcutta 82 cases, 55 deaths, Cochin 24 cases 1 death, Madras 3 cases, 2 deaths, Bombay 2 cases, 1 death, Calcutta 82 cases, 55 deaths, Rangoon 1 case, Chittagong 1 case, Pondicherry 1 case, 1 death, Canton 1 case, Shanghai 3 deaths.

MY UNHAPPY GENERATION.

By GODFREY WINN.

WHEN the sociological history of this post-war era comes to be written it will be interesting to see what the judgment of Time may be in regard to my generation, those young men and women who have grown to maturity during the last ten years.

That our natures should be so vacillating, our health so indifferent, our nerves so weak, is, of course, rather our misfortune than our fault, since it is principally due to the fact that, owing to the stress and the topsy turvyism of the War years, we lacked as youngsters normal discipline and a normal time-table, and instead were treated like adults and subjected to adult experiences at a time when most children are still rightly concerned only with footballs and cricket averages; however, the consequences of our early upbringing are now showing themselves to be disastrous alike for ourselves and the country at large.

Floundering, we fluctuate between one extreme and another. We have lost (if, indeed, we ever possessed it) all proper sense of proportion. We lack background and stability; for us the middle road no longer exists. Everything that we do or say is exaggerated, and for that very reason loses its original meaning and force.

Pleasure, for instance, we have made a business of, instead of an adventure. Enjoyment has become a drug, which, like all drugs taken in excess, soon loses its potency. A decade ago it was a treat to go to the theatre. For our parents it still is, but for us it has become merely a habit, and like all habits, rather a bore. There is no longer even an effort entailed in the pursuit of amusement, since owing to the amazing facilities of modern transport, every kind of amusement pursues us to our own front door.

After all, the art of being happy, primarily, consists of the art of being simple. We entirely lack that art. In our case simplicity has been sacrificed to sophistication. In our eternal pursuit of new sensations we have forgotten how to react normally to normal things.

And the only result of this silly nonsense about Youth ruling the world to-day is to give to each of us a false sense of our own importance, so that as we grow from adolescence to manhood our heads are full of all kinds of grand and impractical schemes for our future success. Which makes it inevitable that we should meet with many heart-breaking rebuffs and disappointments before we finally settle down and take our proper place as tiny cogs in a giant machine.

It must be admitted, too, that as a generation we are very inclined to lack that courage and determination to win through to success in the end whatever the odds, which was so notable a characteristic of the generation which preceded us, and fought so gallantly in the War. We are neither physically nor mentally as hardy as they were, and this defect in our character is a very grave menace to our peace of mind. In consequence, we are nervous, highly strung, introspective, a mass of complex and inhibitions; we are preyed upon by fear, and harried by doubt. Young though we still are, our reactions to life are the reactions of the very old.

College Girls Too Safe.

Say Miss Ellen Wilkinson.

"I would rather be married to a drunken collier who beat me every week-end than live as I am doing of present," said my visitor. I WAS startled out of the complacency which Saturday tea induces after a hard week's work. "But why?" I protested. "A highly-educated woman like you can surely find something big in life."

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"All we can teach them is how to drag around on the same old treadmill, hoping that marriage will provide a way of escape."

Cheated of Risk:

"But this is too gloomy," I ventured. "Women teachers haven't such a bad time of it compared to the long hours of the factory woman or the skimpy holidays of the office worker."

My visitor put down her cup. "I'm not talking about wages and hours. You got out of teaching early. You were lucky. But just think of the life a woman teacher leads in a girl's school. I room with a colleague. Silly. I know but I have no one else to room with and it's cheaper with two. I never



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Excessive Tooting.

We understand that the Police were making an effort to lessen the din created by excessive horn blowing, and it is certainly time that such steps were taken. It was rather surprising therefore to read that one of our local magistrates, in fining a driver for offending in this respect, stated that "6:30 is far too early to test your horn like that." The inference is the tooting may be indulged in to any extent during the day, but that the early morning must not be made hideous by motor drivers excessively sounding horns. This should not be so, and no matter the hour, if a nuisance is caused, those responsible should be fined.

Stubbs Road.

We are frequently receiving complaints of reckless driving on the Stubbs Road, especially of cutting in, and it does seem clear that special traffic police should be detailed to catch a few of these dangerous drivers red-handed. There is no possible excuse for dangerous driving, and until a few drivers are given the publicity of the police court, the danger will not be abated. As we say above, there is no possible excuse, and it is more than surprising that certain motorists are not made examples of. Setting concealed police traps would be thoroughly justified in the interest of public safety, otherwise nothing is more certain than a head-on collision will be recorded; possibly with fatal consequence. Careful motorists should make a special point of reporting the numbers of offending vehicles, and there should be no shielding or excusing the culprits if they happen to be well-known residents. We say this, because from two sources we have heard that instances of recklessness have been reported to be followed by the complainants receiving a letter stating that the individuals concerned would be taken before the I.C.P. This, to our way of thinking, is a totally wrong procedure, for even if admonishing is all that is necessary, this should be left to magistrates in order to secure the publicity necessary, and to reassure other road-users that steps are being taken to remedy a public danger.

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MCKENNA DUTIES.

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RUBBER IN AUTOS

Rubber is used for 65 different purposes in the modern automobile, according to Walter C. Keys, chief engineer of the automotive department of a Detroit rubber manufacturing concern.

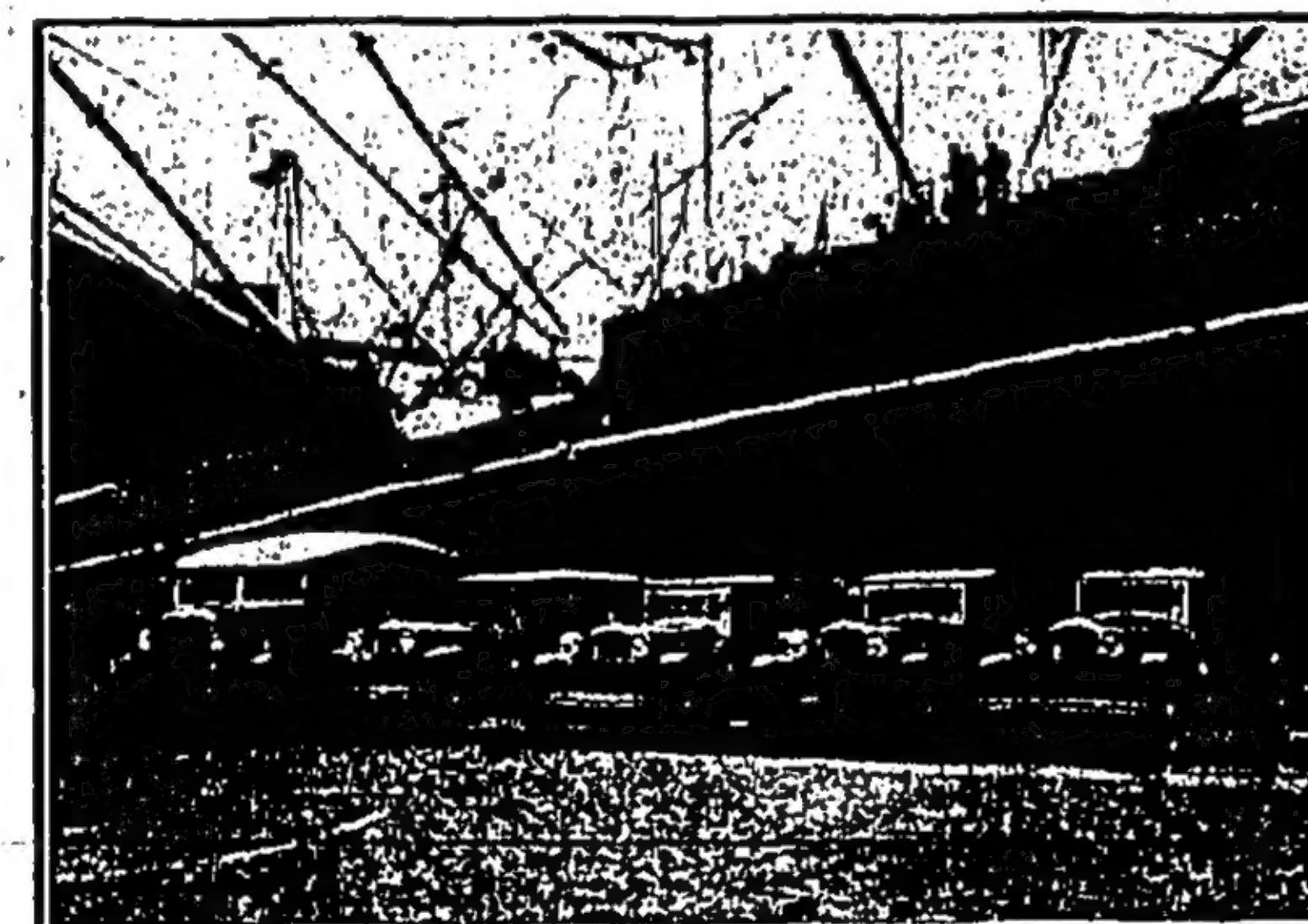
MOTOR NOTES FROM GREAT BRITAIN.

[Special Report to the *Hongkong Telegraph* by R.A.C.]

1931 Starts Well.

The year has started well for the British motor industry with outstanding successes in international events. First and foremost come Malcolm Campbell's well deserved achievements with "Bluebird" and the Austin Seven at Daytona; the unofficial record put up by Kaye Don with "Miss England II" on Lough Neagh, which it is to be hoped will be repeated and even improved upon at Buenos Aires—and the sweeping successes of the British contingent in the Monte Carlo Rally.

This event is nowadays acknowledged to be of the highest importance in the international sporting calendar and this year's 120 odd starters included many of the finest cars and drivers in Europe. To have gained the premier award in both classes, in addition to many other successes, is, therefore, a triumph for the British industry.



The Humber cars and Commer luggage-van being used by H.R.H. The Prince of Wales and H.R.H. Prince George during their present tour in the Argentine. The cars are shown at the Royal Albert Dock prior to shipment.

The Riley contingent have every reason to be proud of their achievement for Leverett, besides taking the first place in the first division, won the Riviera Cup, with another Nine in 4th place. Barr's car 'wa, first in its class in the Mont des Mules Hill Climb in record time and Sanderson was placed first in the Comfort Competition for open cars under 1,100 c.c.

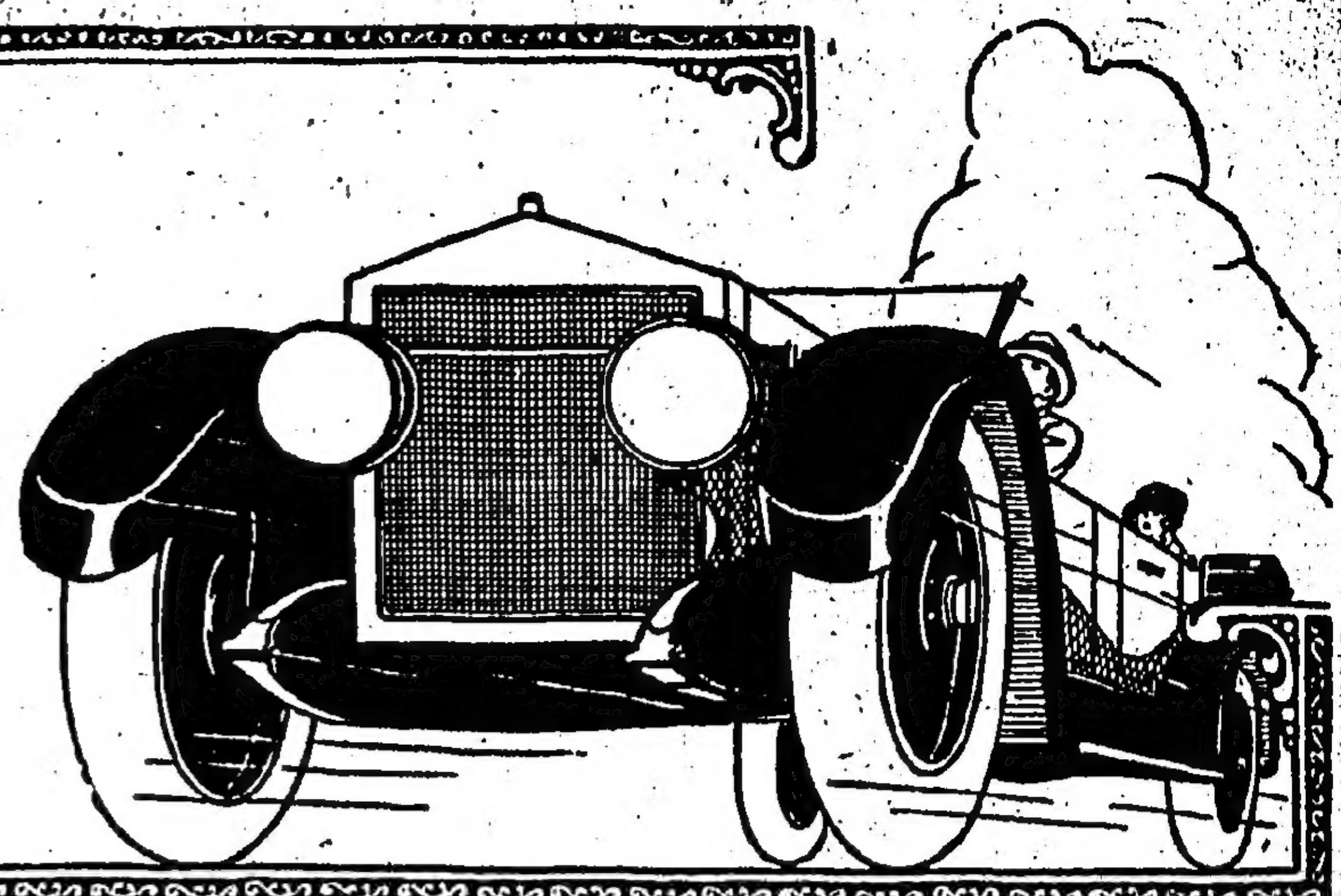
The winning cars started from Stavanger in Norway and covered 2,261 miles, the first 300 miles being over icebound roads. Later, there was snow and fog in Germany, fog in Belgium and France and, strangely enough, ice again within 250 miles of Monte Carlo. Cars under 1,100 c.c. had to average not less than 35 kilometres per hour and the larger class not less than 40 kilometres, this to include all stops for fuel, repairs and meals.

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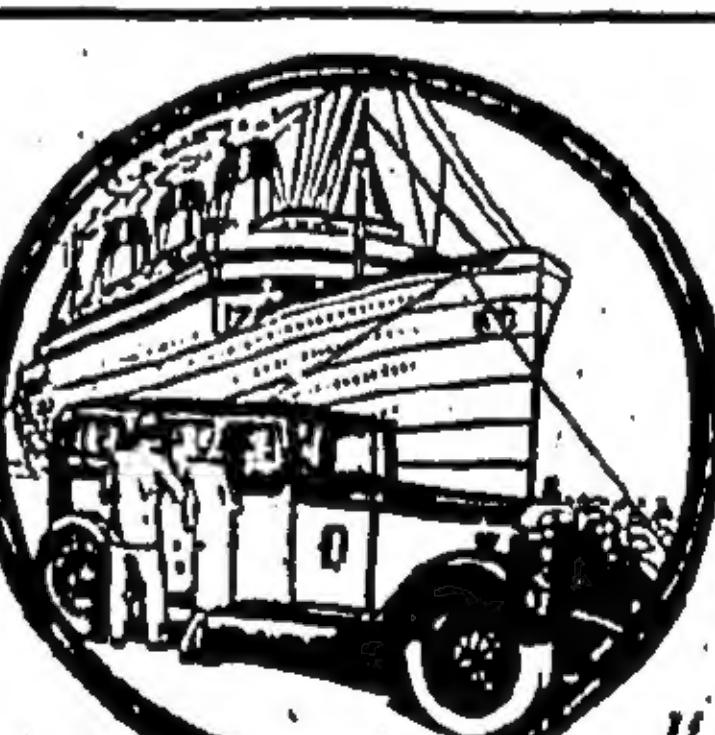


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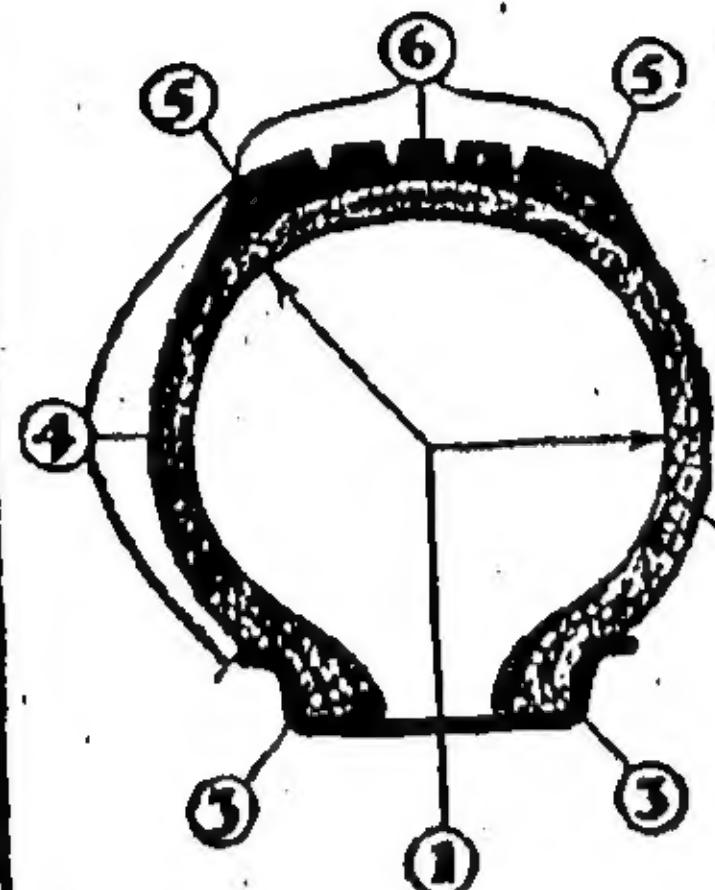
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Prominent among the new features are the increased size and roominess made possible by the longer wheelbase, while numerous other changes not obvious to the eye combine to make the bodies stronger, more rigid, and as completely squeakproof as human ingenuity can devise.

A surprising amount of hand-work goes into every individual body in the new Chevrolet series. In the application of the exterior finish, alone, 22 individual steps have to be taken along the line, ranging from the cleaning of the metal with an acid solution or through the glazing and wet-sanding operations, the dry-sanding and application of mist coat, to the final Duceing, touching up and striping.

The combination steel-and-hardwood method of durable body construction, is continued, although with important changes at vital points. The new roof construction, for example, is now a separate assembly known as the flat-and-bow type, the strongest known to the industry. The bows, instead of being steam bent, are cut to shape so that they will retain their shape indefinitely. Double steel braces easily accessible for servicing, replace the wood strainers formerly used along the sides of the roof, and strong steel braces are now used at the corners to add to the roof rigidity. The roof structure is thoroughly padded to prevent drumming, and is covered with a material consisting of two layers of fabric bound by an inner layer of rubber.

Anti-squeak material in liquid, rubber dough or friction form is used between all steel braces and their respective wood parts. As a further aid to quietness, insulating material is used wherever wood touches metal.

Exclusive patent rights just obtained by the Fisher Body Corporation for a new type of spring

placed a thick layer of padding unusually durable and soft. The upholstery cloth is piped with another layer of padding, and the seats are trimmed with a "Turkish" front, with tufts and buttons ranged along the front side of the cushion, a style of trim which adds much to the tailored beauty of the interior.

For the greater protection of front seat passengers, a layer of jute or felt is vulcanized, this year, to the rubber floor mats, and an insulated pad covers the entire dash to keep out heat or cold and add to quietness. The mats in the rear compartments of the coach and sedans are a round wire tapestry type of great durability, and in the sport sedan the carpet has a high wool content with a new mottled pattern. Curtains on all bodies have a high lustre, and

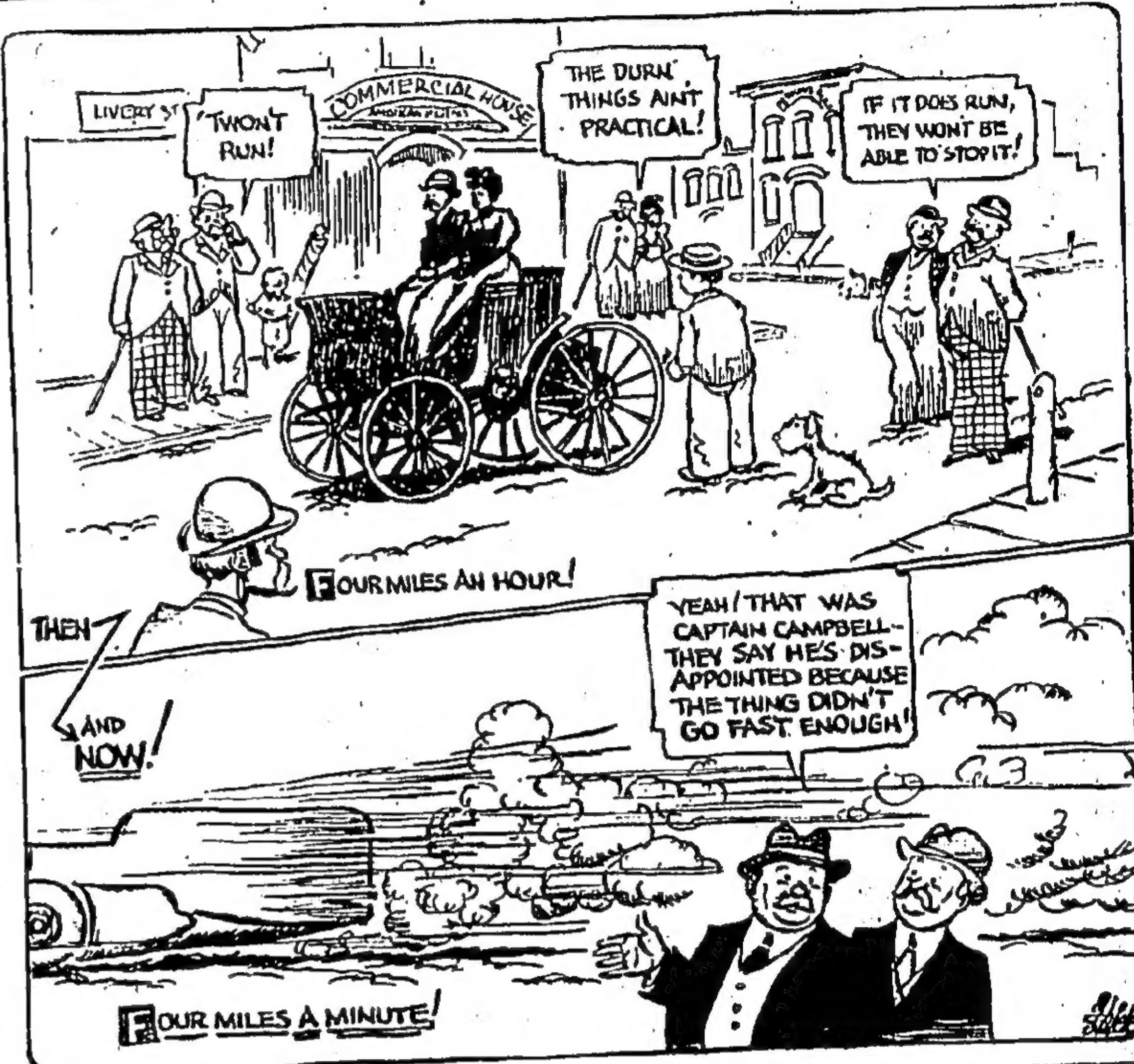
certain tassels are provided in the special sedan and sport coupe.

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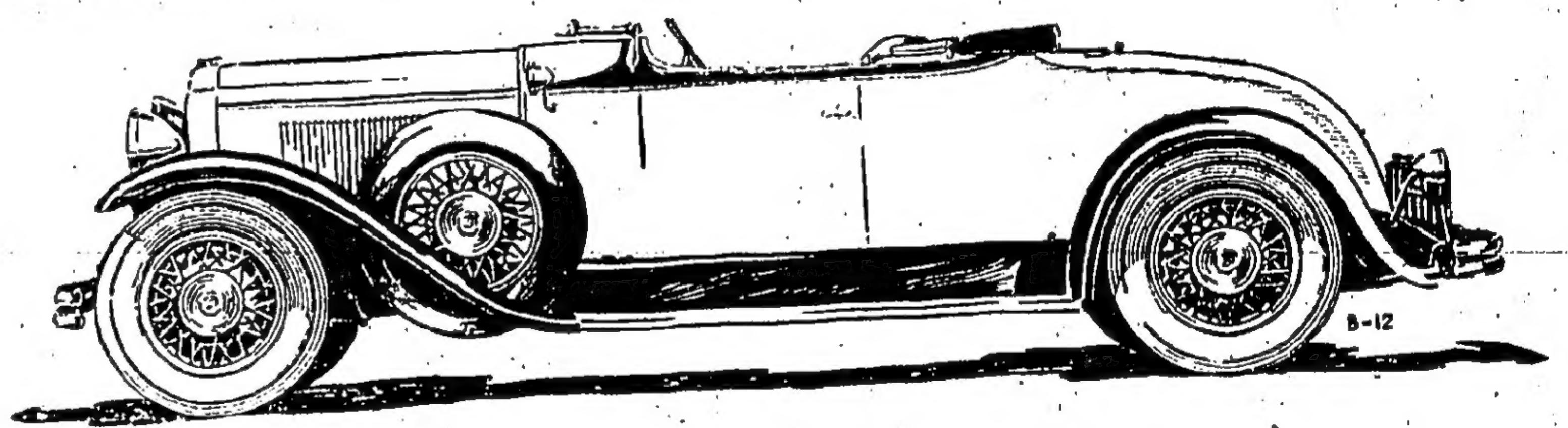
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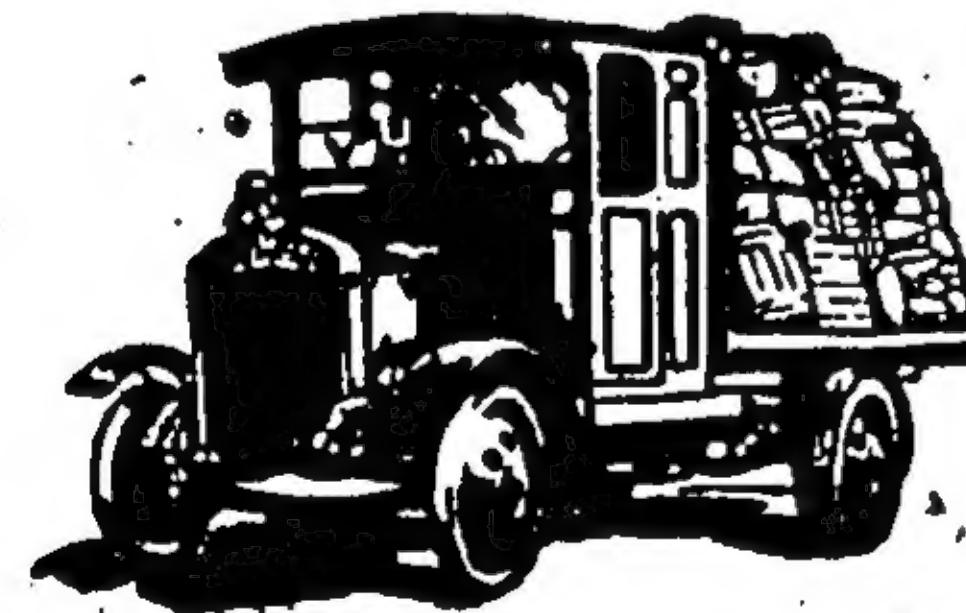
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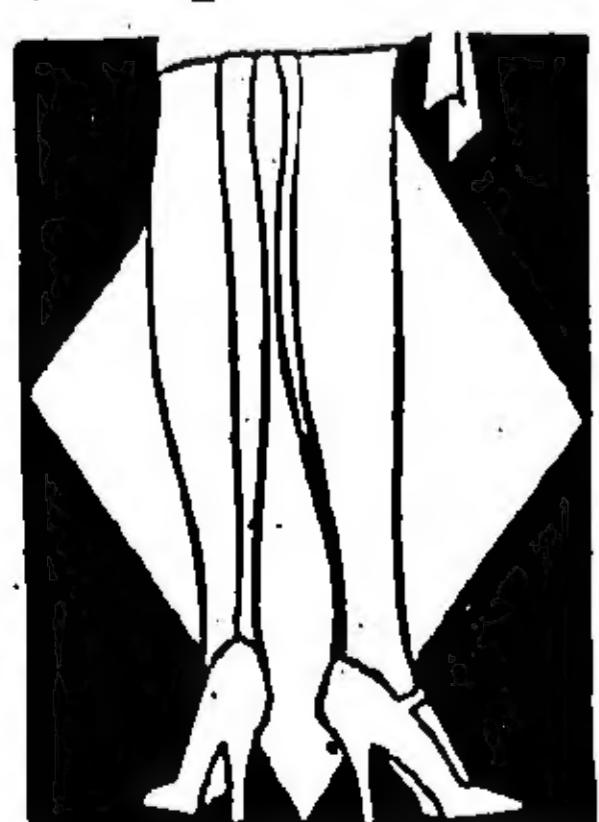
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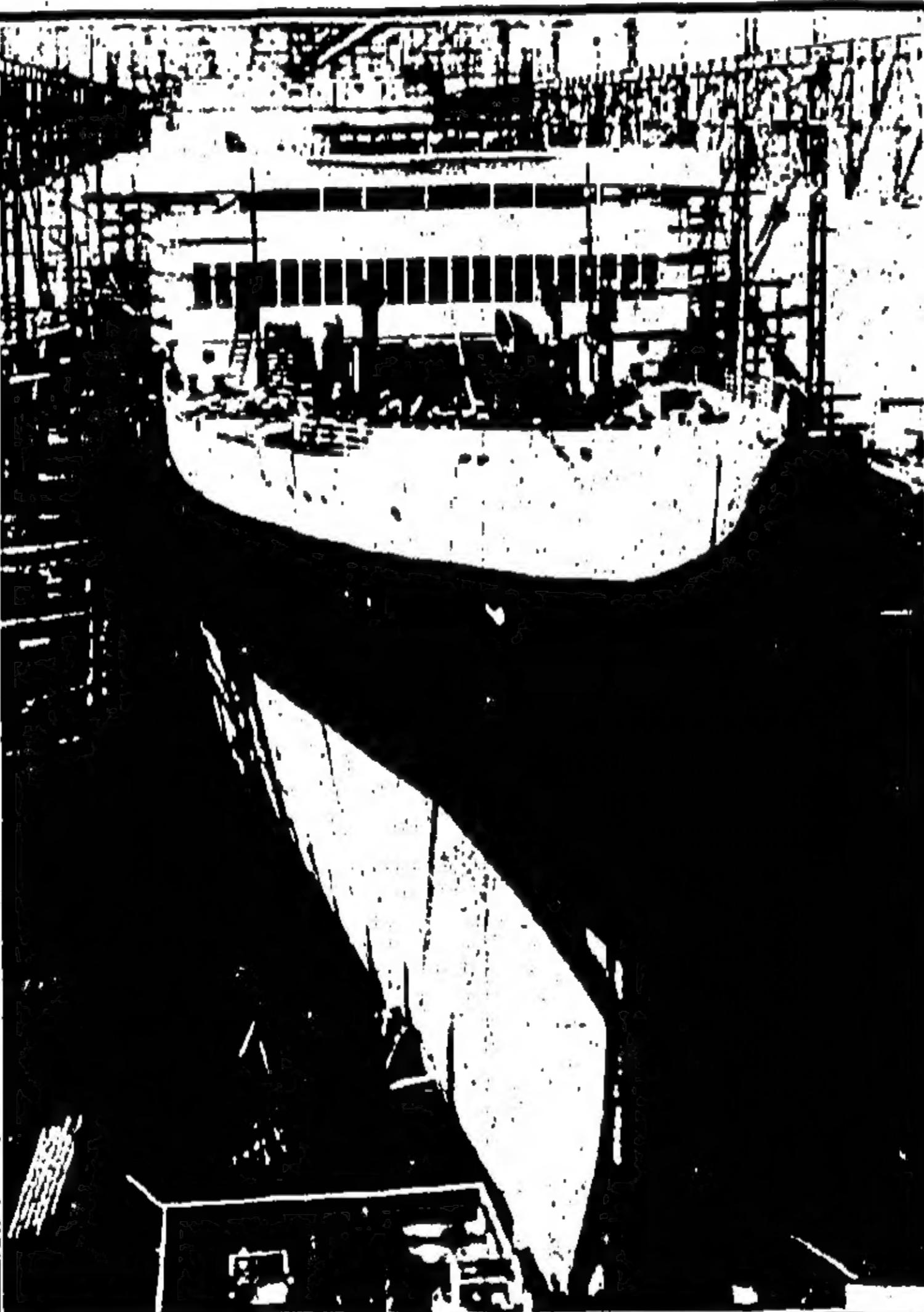
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The majestic-looking liner President Coolidge as she appeared on the ways just before being launched at Newport News, Virginia. This boat and the President Hoover, biggest American-built ships, will rightly be called the two queens of the American Merchant Marine.



The Hongkong Volunteers' cricket team which recently met an eleven representing the combined League sides is shown above. The match was won after an exciting game, by the Volunteers by seven runs. (Photo: Mee Cheung).



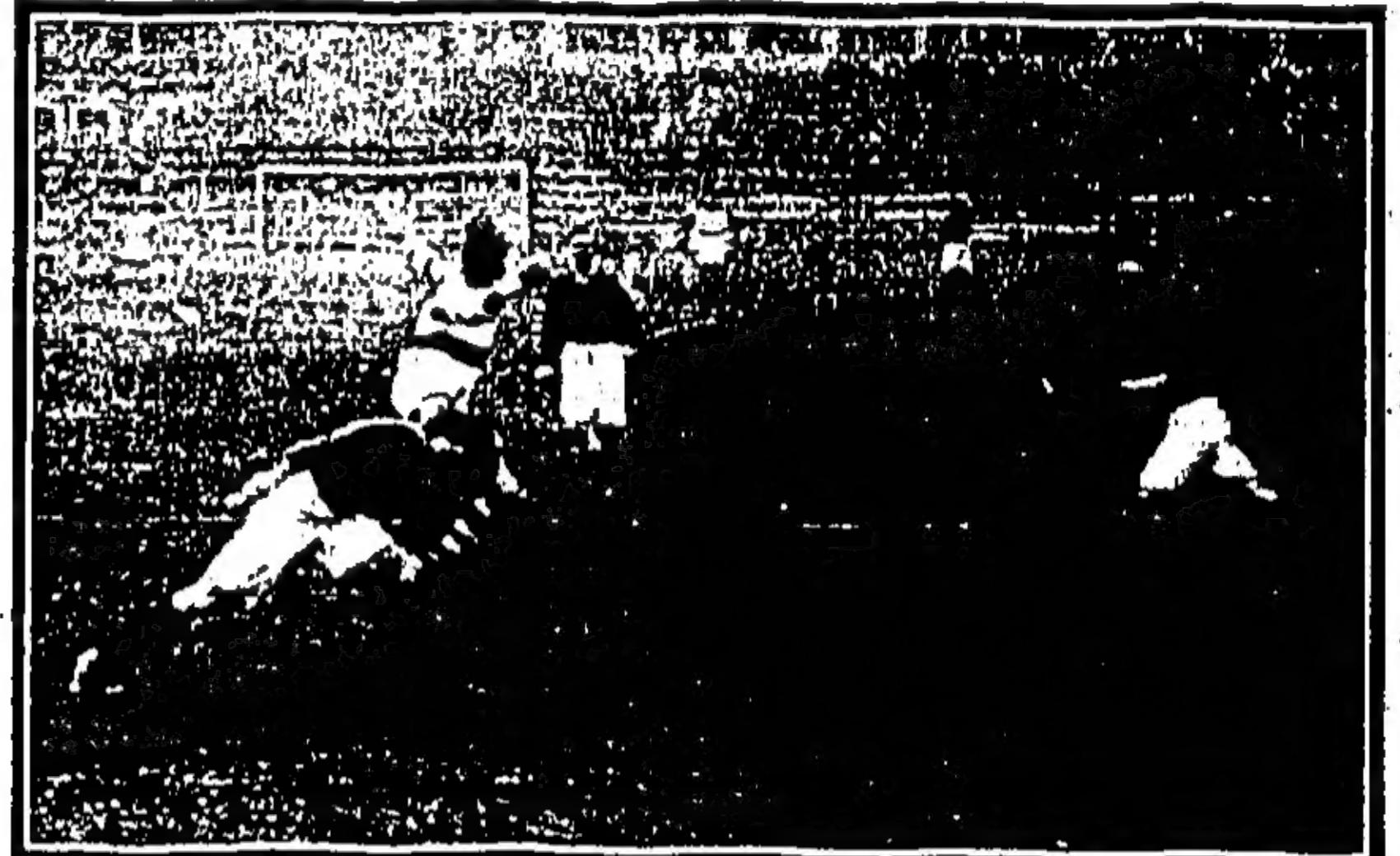
King's Bounty (Mr. Chang up) being led in after winning the Hongkong Handicap, "A" Class, at Saturday's Races. (Photo: Mee Cheung).



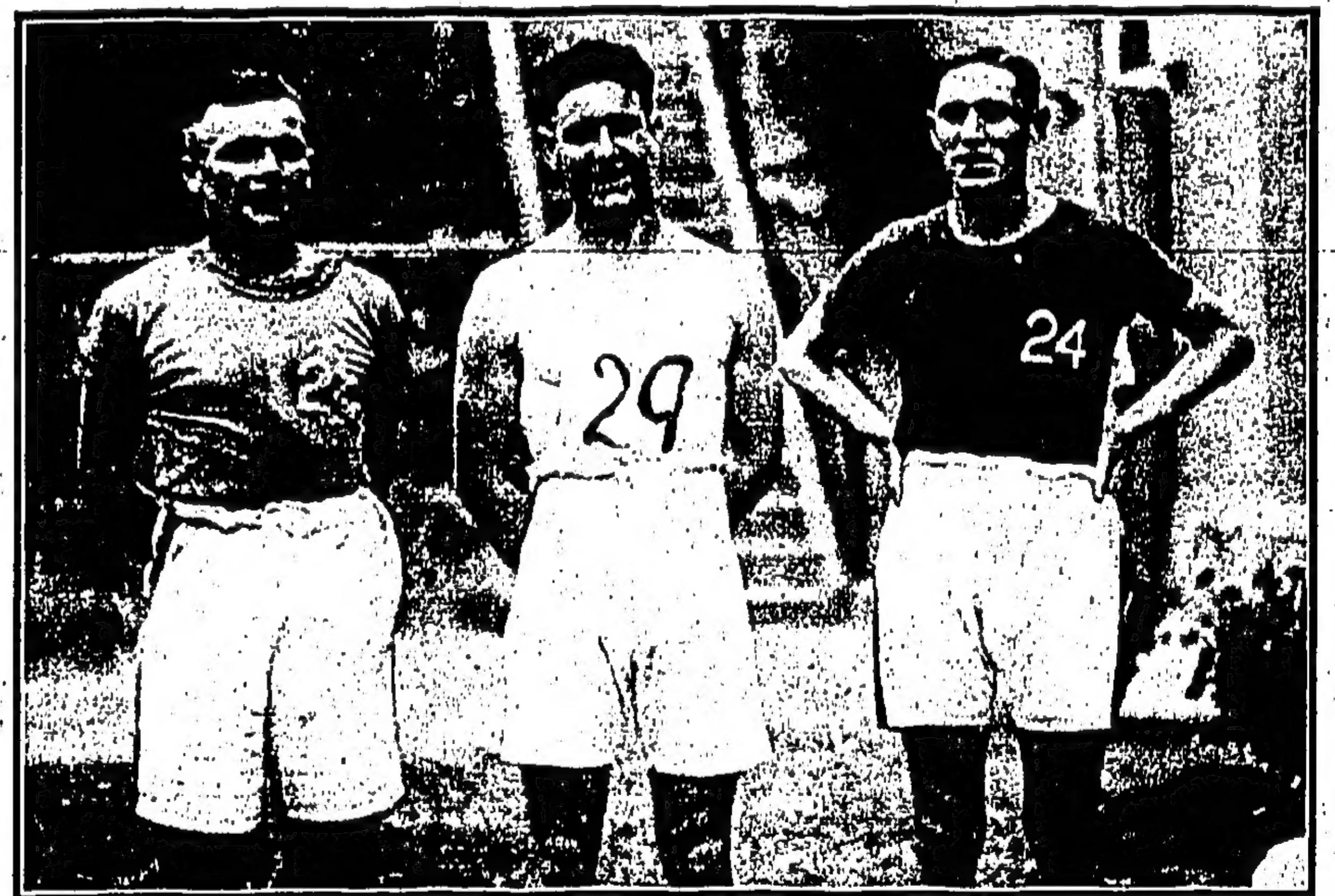
Diana Day (Mr. Hill up) being led in by Mrs. Dunbar after winning the Champions Stakes at last week's Race Meeting. (Photo: Mee Cheung).



Woodland Stag (Mr. Quincey up) after winning the Flemington Handicap on Saturday. (Photo: Mee Cheung).



Dowman (Kowloon) heading a low ball to clear from Watson in the Shield match in which Kowloon F.C. defeated Hongkong F.C. by two goals to nil. (Photo: Mee Cheung).



Above are seen, left to right, the first three in the annual Marathon Race organised by the St. Andrew's Young Men's Club. They are L/C Palmer, South Wales Borderers; Pte. Jones Rogers, South Wales Borderers; and A. B. Reason, H.M.S. Cumberland. (Photo: Mr. Jack Graham).



Group taken at the wedding, at St. Peter's Church, of Mr. R. J. Clarke, of the Hongkong Police, and Miss Gladys McCloskey. Mr. R. Gleeson gave the bride away. Mrs. Ohl was Matron of Honour and Mr. M. Flaherty best man. (Photo: Mee Cheung).

MR. MACDONALD'S FRIENDS.
How He Remembered Them.

Mr. Ramsay MacDonald has a reputation for not forgetting his friends of earlier days. At right, Arthur Ponsonby; upper left, Sir Charles P. Trevelyan, until recently President of the Board of Education; and, lower left, Norman Angell, who was knighted recently.

When British history of these days comes to be written, Mr. Ramsay MacDonald will probably be recorded as the Premier who did not forget. With Scottish tenacity and Scottish loyalty he sticks to his friends.

This has once more been emphasized in the list of recent honours conferred by the King upon the recommendation of his Prime Minister. Unlike his Tory and Liberal predecessors, Mr. MacDonald gave very few awards to mere politicians and none to men who contributed large sums to political party funds. But art, music, literature, medicine and the sciences were largely recognized.

And in the list stood the name of Norman Angell upon whom a knighthood was conferred.

To get the significance of this, we must go back to the terrible year of 1916 when England was in the World War to a finish. The mass of people, led by their newspapers and by skillful propaganda, was all for the war, for conscription. It was convinced that all the war guilt lay on German shoulders.

Founded Union for Peace.
Just when this feeling was at its height, five friends used to get together and discuss things. They were Ramsay MacDonald, already one of the leaders of the Socialist party; Sir Charles Trevelyan, who had been sitting in Parliament since 1899 as a Liberal

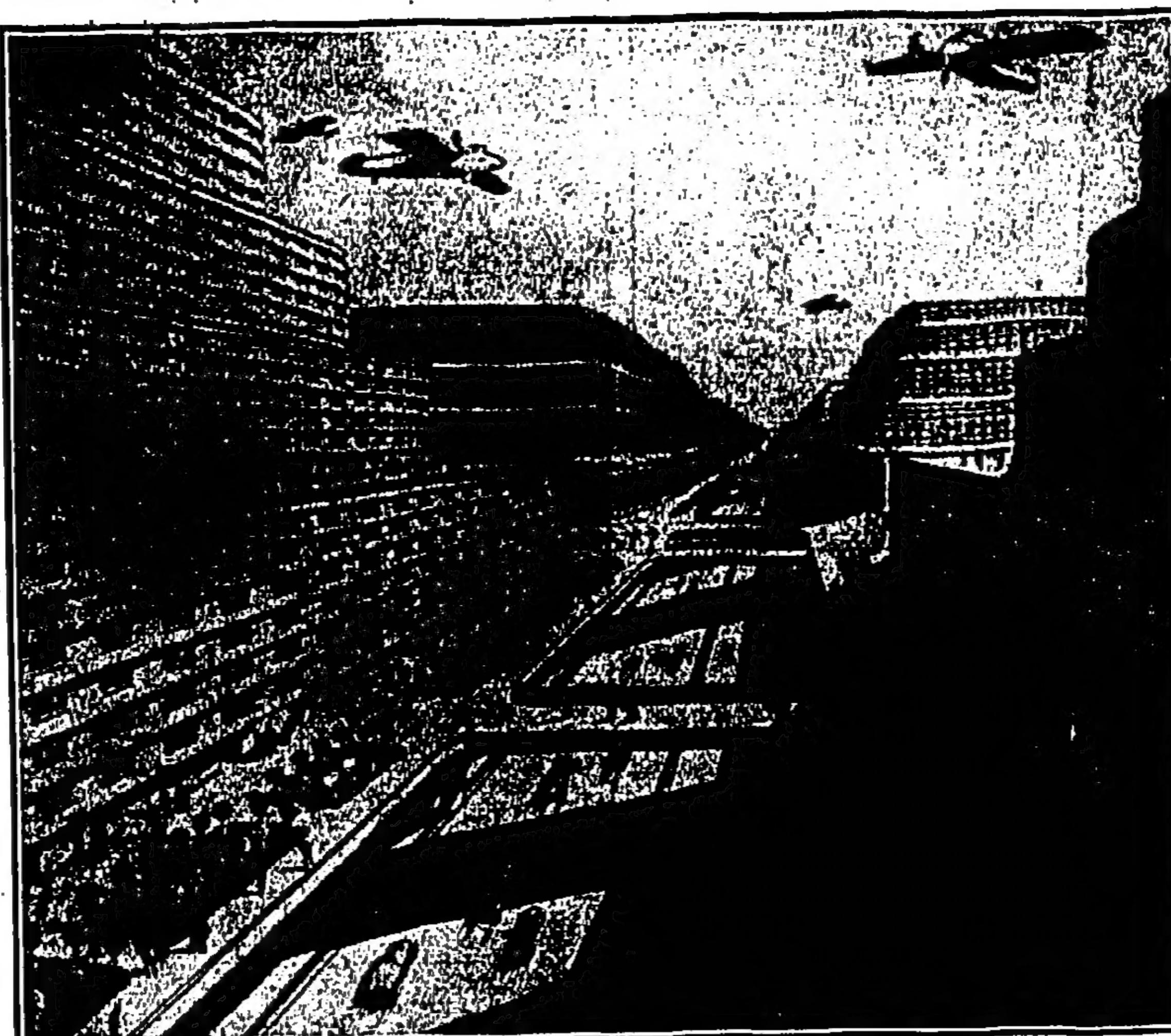
and was a descendant of the great Macaulay, the historian; Arthur Ponsonby, whose father had been private secretary to Queen Victoria, who was virtually reared in the royal palaces, who had been in the diplomatic service, a Liberal M.P.; Norman Angell, who had written a world-famous book, "The Great Illusion," in which he showed how wicked war was; and, finally, E. D. Morel, who had made himself famous by his exposure of the terrible mistreatment of the African natives in the Belgian Congo.

Growing out of their conversation, these men founded the Union of Democratic Control and Morel became its secretary. This body was really against war and against conscription. It maintained that all the war guilt was not Germany's alone, but was distributed among the nations. It held that part of the fault for sliding into war was the secret diplomacy indulged in by all the nations. It called for greater democratic control of diplomacy.

Speakers were Threatened.

Whenever representatives of this body attempted to speak they were hooted down and sometimes narrowly escaped rough handling. In May, 1917, under the Defence of the Realm Act, police and soldiers secretly searched the headquarters of Mr. Morel and seized papers, documents and mail. Mr. Morel himself was put upon trial for seeking to send out to a neutr-

HOW LONDON WILL LOOK IN THE FUTURE.



An architect's conception of London as it will appear to a future generation. The artist is Mr. Oliver Bernard, the well-known consulting architect, an actor in Shakespeare Engagements, and designer of

Mr. Bernard's views on the future of London are given in the following article, obtained in an interview by Mr. J. L. Hodson, of the London News Chronicle.

"London," said Mr. Eenard, "is a classic and tragic example of the obsolete city."

"I believe it will be largely re-planned within the next 25 years; the movement in that direction may well begin within the next five years."

"The problem of creating a new London boils itself down, in the first place, to redistribution of space divided between buildings and thoroughfares."

"The present standard of

trial country pamphlet without permission of the war authorities. He was sentenced to six months imprisonment. Mr. Ramsay MacDonald lost his seat in Parliament in the next election.

Then time in its whirligig brought its consolations. Mr. MacDonald came back to the House of Commons. Mr. Morel was elected an M.P. from the Scottish town of Dundee, dying a year later. But the others are still alive, and have come into their own.

average space allowed for thoroughfare compared with that of buildings is about ten per cent. of city areas; in other words, buildings occupy nine times as much space as thoroughfares and other open spaces.

"This is fundamentally absurd. In the future, I believe it will be found necessary to devote at least 30 per cent. of city areas to roads and open spaces. Coupled with that will be the need for increasing the standard height of buildings."

"The existing standard height for London is 80ft. In the London of, say, 1955, the height should be 600ft. I see no real necessity for the latest New York heights of 1,200ft."

"What I foresee happening to our sprawling buildings, side streets and backyards is this: He took a large flat circular match box. "It will be as if we compressed this box considerably, reducing its diameter at the base and forcing its bulk upwards, leaving an increase of space surrounding an ascendant and far more accommodating structure."

"The second essential for new London is the double deck road. All mechanical locomotion and goods traffic should operate on ground level, and all foot passengers on the first floor or overhead level."

"In practice that means wiping out ground floor promenades."

"Main thoroughfares should be 150ft. wide for mechanical transport—that is a good standard width for speedways, passenger and goods traffic. (Regent-street is 85ft. wide). The upper deck or promenade will be open down the centre and bridged at necessary intervals and intersections of thoroughfares."

"There will also be terraced promenades at certain elevations."

I asked him what the effect of aerial transport is going to be. He said: "It is going to be the final influence on building construction."

"Everybody will fly, before this century ends, and take-off and landing places for millions will set the key plan of future cities."

"Much depends on actual aeroplane development. The human leviathan of to-morrow may carry the implements of flight with him; helicopters may make it easy, before long, to alight on or rise from our own balconies. We must look to individual requirements in this respect, rather than to general ones."

His view concerning Thames bridges is that they also should be double-decked. "They are the main arteries that have been least considered. Some are thoroughly inadequate, such as London, the Tower, Waterloo, Westminster and Blackfriars Bridges; while others—Southwark, for example—are scarcely used."

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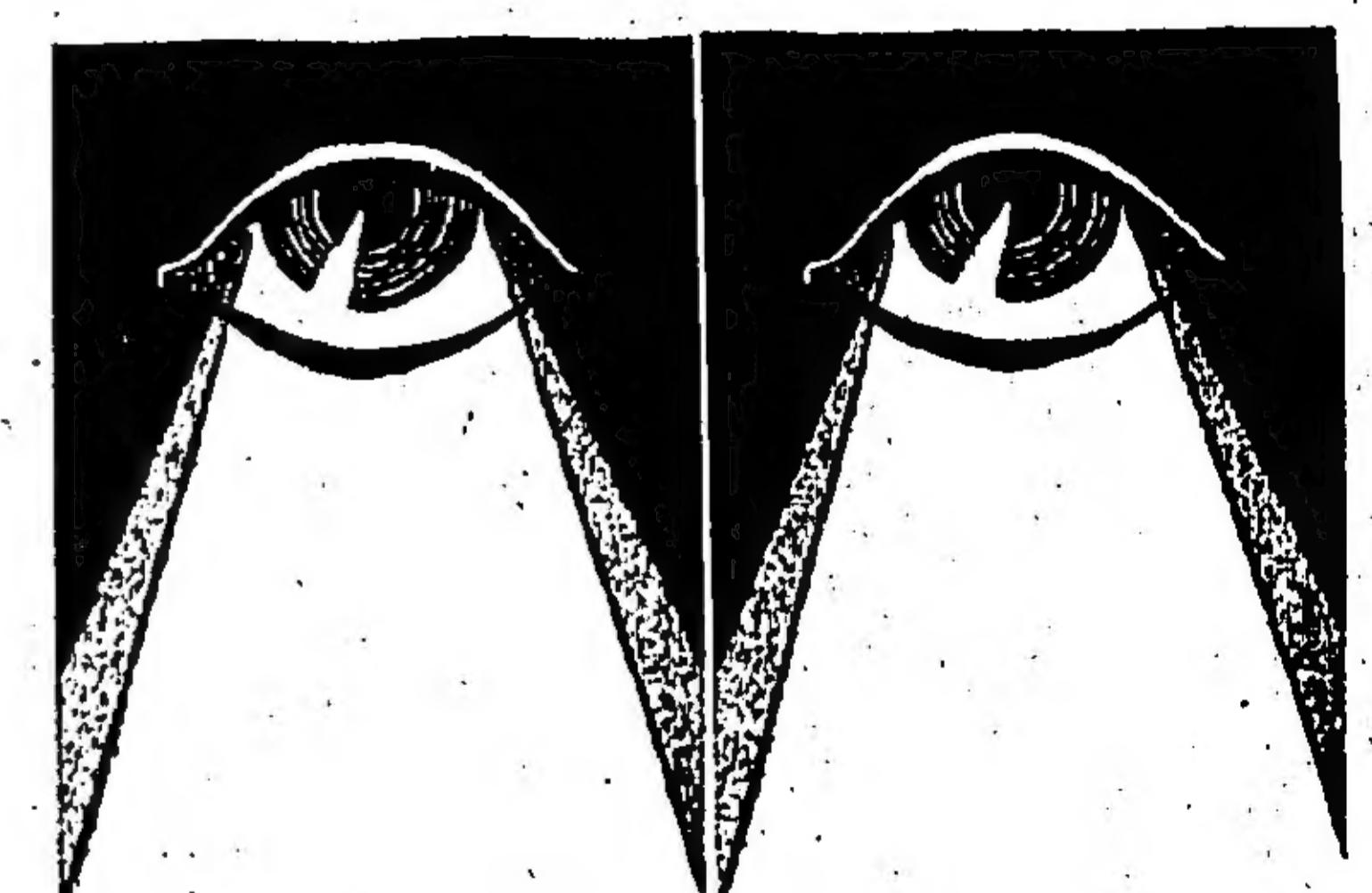
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CLOTHES bring new life to jaded winter wardrobes with a welcome suggestion of springtime.

This is the season when occasional days of warm sunshine arouse impish desires to skip along the staid city streets, and when vagrant breezes suggest an expedition in search of the first spring flowers. Everything connected with winter seems a little dreary and pale, and nothing, surely, is as depressing to a feminine eye as the last sad remnants of the winter wardrobe. The reckless voice of spring counsels us to toss aside all our winter clothes and dash forth to purchase a whole new troussseau.

But stop! Winter has not slunk away for good. Those gay new clothes will often hang mournfully in the closet, and when Easter comes with its full array of new fashions, your dazzling but premature collection of spring clothes will be dreadfully familiar and trite.

This does not mean that you must resign yourself to your fate. Your winter wardrobe can bloom again, with the aid of a few skillful additions that will not take away the zest of Easter shopping. If you select carefully, a few frocks will supply all the glamour of novelty and form the basis of a clever spring wardrobe.

BEWARE of anything too extreme; smartly conservative and wearable clothes will be chic both later on and now.

Colors may be gay and springlike, yet blend with heavy coats—black and white or navy blue, for instance, are always appropriate. It is not too soon to venture a pink dress, and the details of neckline and sleeve may be refreshingly new, for Paris promises the greatest variety of fascinating collars, scarves and capes.

Street dresses may reveal the wide sleeve that will be so smart later on, and short sleeves are already considered very chic in Paris, so you may indulge in a short-sleeved silk frock now, and still be seasonable in several months.

Lace or crepe make the transition in evening clothes, and an amusing little velvet evening jacket may be as smart and practical now as it will be in late spring. A new and seasonable note is achieved by combining wool crepe and silk crepe, and a warm but furless coat may be worn right through the season. A hat that is a little larger or a little lacier will do amazing things to one's costume and one's morale.

I. LACE belongs everywhere—at Palm Beach, at winter social affairs—yet it is one of the most delightful spring and summer evening fabrics, so naturally we suggest a graceful gown of black lace for the between seasons. This gown shows the becoming lengths to which fashion will go—just touching the floor in back, just revealing the slip in front.

The curved line of the slip is most becoming. Two pointed ruffles at the hips are repeated in a ruffle accenting the pointed decolleté in back. The jewelry worn with this gown is

Now is the time for all good women to plan their spring wardrobes, and here begins a series of pages giving you the benefit of free suggestions from the world's foremost fashionists



by Marie

grand duchess of Russia, now style advisor to Bergdorf Goodman, New York, creator of all the models shown on this page.



VI. there's a breath of returning adventure in the black and white polka dots of the gay silk scarf which is a feature of this black wool dress.



II. If you want to welcome Easter in a new style choose a black, collarless coat, which increases its effectiveness if worn with a gay printed dress.

of crystal, with small plaques of gold, harmonizing beautifully with the costume.

III. OVER a frock, short-sleeved, of course, of green, yellow and black printed silk, is a worn one of the new collarless coats. It is surprisingly warm, although amusing little openwork petals reveal glimpses of the fabric beneath. The frock has a large collar of white silk embroidered in color and little ruffles at the hip. This coat and dress are charming, with a wool lace hat featuring a tiny brim and a black and white feather cockade.

IV. A LOOSELY-WOVEN black and white tweed makes the skirt and bolero of this suit. The selvage is used very cleverly in trimming the jacket and front of the skirt. The broad leather belt shows the new emphasis on elaborate buckles and the draped neckline of the wool blouse is also smart. A motif of black checks ornaments the blouse. This frock could be worn under a coat now and blossom forth in full splendor a little later.

V. ANOTHER evening gown that is miraculous in its adaptability is of rich white



III. to get a full share of attention in the pre-Easter parade here is a loosely woven black and white tweed suit.

crepe, cut on simple but striking diagonal lines. It can vary infinitely according to the accessories that are worn with it. A tiny black velvet jacket with a pert little flare at the waist, and graceful, full sleeves lined with white taffeta, and interlined for cool spring nights. A necklace of five rows of small pearls with a pendant ornament and two bracelets of exquisite workmanship using pearls together with brilliants lend the finishing touches.

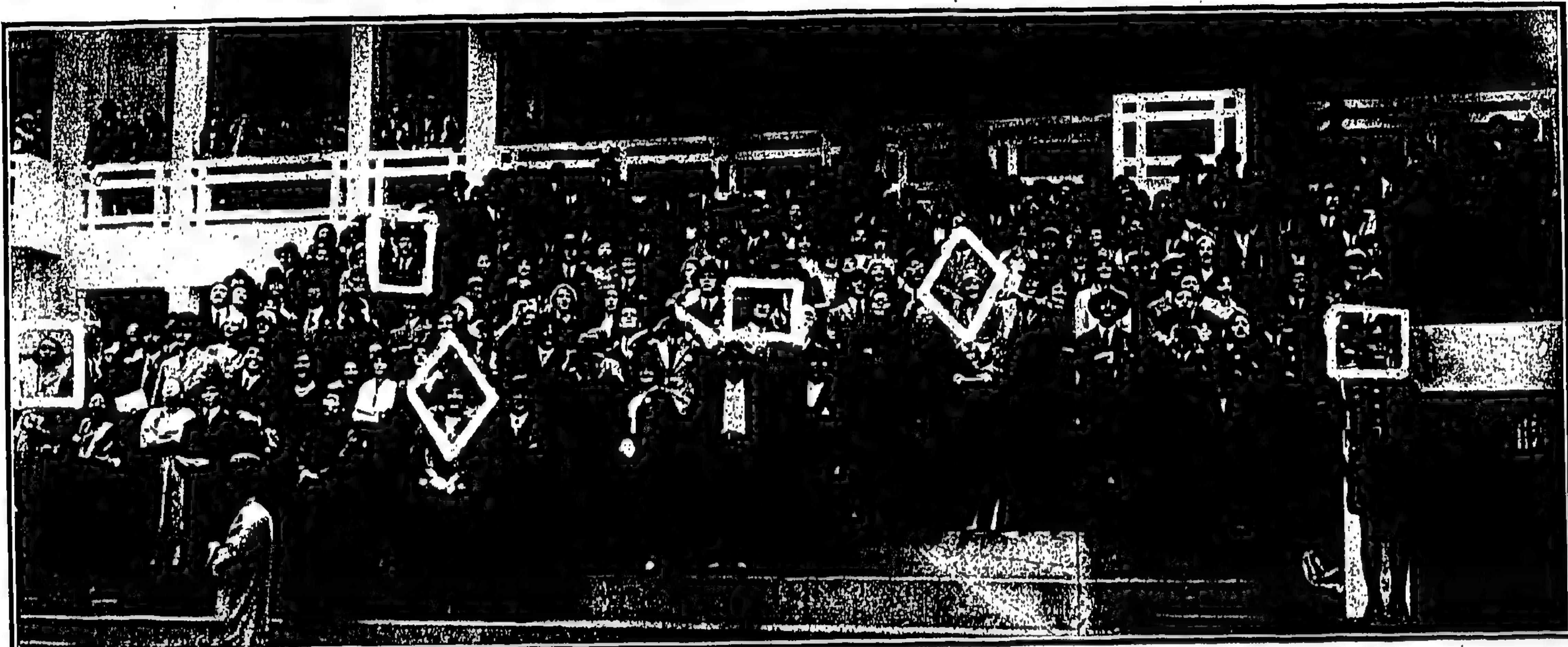
VI. A FROCK of black wool features a springtime touch in its gay silk scarf of black and white polka-dots. Modified mutton sleeves fasten with tiny jeweled buttons and the belt has a matching buckle. The neckline opens into wide revers. With it is worn a handsome silver fox scarf and a brimmed black felt hat which lend just the proper effect of chic to this delightful costume.



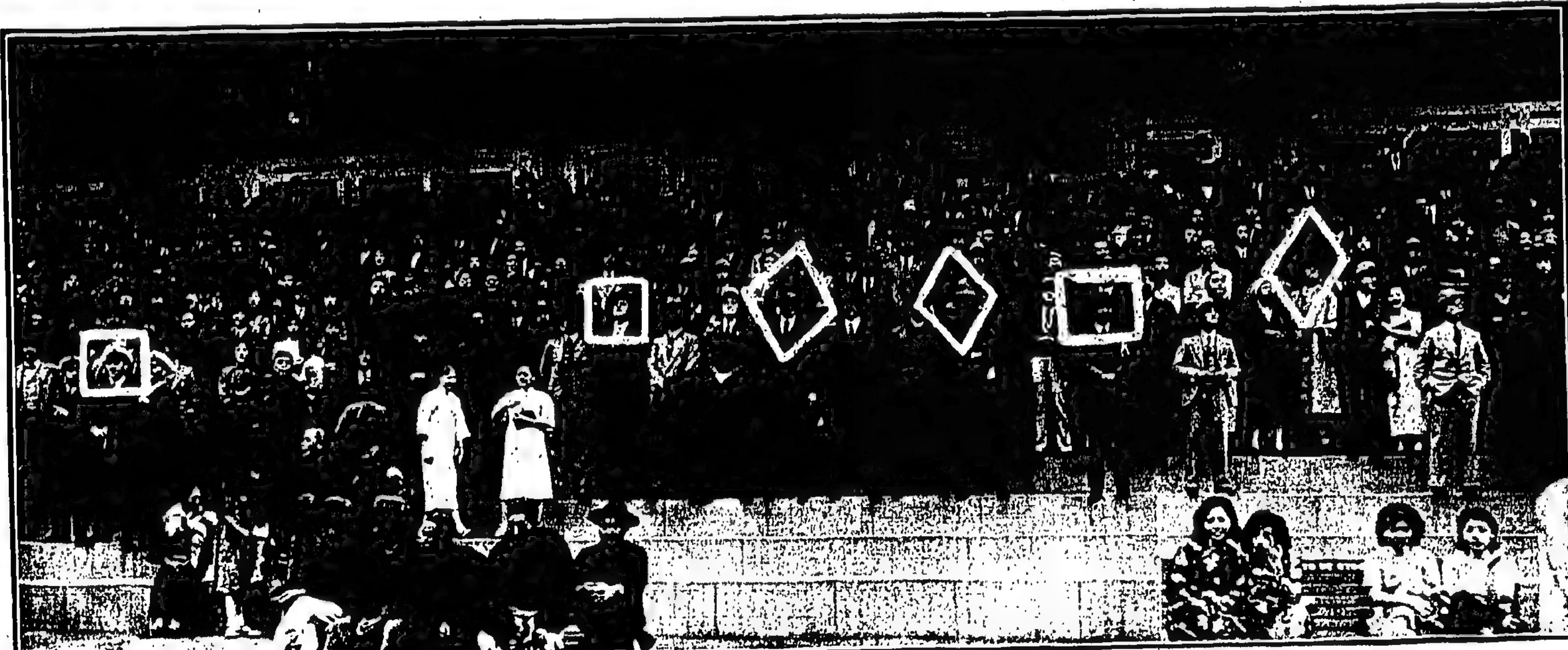
IV. flowers that bloom in the spring can't be more colorful than this wool and silk crepe frock of vibrant red.

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FUELS FOUND IMPROVING.

Bootleggers of Petrol Profiting: Misuse of U.S. State Tax Receipts.

Better fuels and lubricants, with plenty of both, if not too much. The keenest competition known to the business world, if any, increase in demand, keeping prices at reasonable levels, if not below, writes Victor H. Scales, Assistant Director, Department of Public Relations, American Petroleum Institute.

Cheap fuel, increased travel and a growing, unprotecting motorizing public encouraging legislators to lift gasoline tax rates to unreasonable levels.

Construction of many miles of good permanent highways; of poor "political" and temporary roads; and the improvement of many more miles that should have been permanent, with the motorist paying more than half the bill.

Strife between cities, counties and States as to which should get the lion's share of gasoline tax income or which should spend it.

Further diversion of tax money that the motorist thinks he is paying for roads to such commendable but quite unrelated purposes as education of the young, conservation of the oyster, propagation of the fish, reduction of the general tax rate, erection of State buildings, upkeep of State departments, purchase of watersheds and such other schemes as may be devised for distributing revenue collected ostensibly for a single purpose.

This is the motoring picture for 1931, as presented in unoffered and off.

There should be available on April 1, 1931, when the motoring season opens, some forty to fifty million barrels of gasoline (\$1,680,000,000 to \$2,100,000,000 gallons), or enough to fill the fuel tanks of all the motor vehicles in the nation for a whole month. Stocks of this magnitude have been recommended to the petroleum industry by the Federal Oil Conservation Board's Volunteer Committee on Petroleum Economics as suitable for the date, after a study of the economic situation in the period between October 1, 1930, and April 1, 1931. Refiners may have difficulty in meeting that figure because it means curtailing activities.

More Efficient Production in Refineries.

With 85 per cent of the world's refining capacity in the United States and the 400 refining plants required to continually increasing production to meet the hitherto constantly growing demand, the tendency is to overshadow the market. Potential daily capacity of these refineries is around 3,700,000 barrels, or 157,000,000 gallons, and it is estimated that they need to operate only at 50 to 60 per

cent of capacity to provide these stocks and at only 75 per cent of capacity to provide for any normal increase in demand. Demand for early 1931 has been estimated at only 1.2 per cent higher than that of 1930, as compared with the average yearly increase of 7 to 9 per cent.

A plentiful supply of gasoline is assured because the refiner constantly is increasing the percentage obtained from crude oil. The 39.36 per cent gasoline yield of 1929 probably crossed the 40 per cent mark in 1930, not only through further development of straight-run, but also through the improvement of "cracking" processes whereby it is possible to obtain gasoline in quantity from the heavier products left after straight-run distillation. But continued production of these heavier products presents another problem. Out of a 42-gallon barrel of crude oil the refiner obtains 16.53 gallons of gasoline, 2.43 gallons of kerosene, 19.05 gallons of gas, and fuel oil and 1.46 gallons of lubricating oil, with some wax, coke, asphalt and loss. Thus, in meeting the demand for gasoline the refiner has to make and try to market these other products. Growth in popularity of domestic and industrial oil heating is helping him to dispose of fuel oil. "Hydrogenation," a supplementary refining process, through which it is hoped to squeeze still more gasoline from the heavy products left by straight-run distillation and "cracking," promises further aid.

Its sponsors claim a 100 per cent production of gasoline, which, if established in actual practice, would largely eliminate over-production of the residues. A number of refiners have been licensed to use the "hydrogenation" process.

Gasoline Filling Stations on Every Corner.

Quantity being assured, the motorist is interested in quality. Keen competition has seen to the matter of quality. Also, with filling stations on a large percentage of the corners not occupied by miniature golf courses, it would be folly for a company intending to stay in business to sell inferior gasoline. Furthermore, the United States Bureau of Mines makes a semi-annual survey of gasoline sold in the open market, purchasing such fuel at various and sundry filling stations throughout the country.

The conservation board has explained, "is primarily to delay the coming of the day when an impending shortage of crude oil will cause a radical advance in the price of refinery products the public buys. It matters not

whether the oil reserves of the United States are five times a billion barrels or twenty times a billion barrels, the supply is limited and cannot be increased. Even the most generous estimates place the date at which our oil reserves will be practically depleted, under present rates of consumption, in the comparatively near future."

Probably a reason for the motorist's apparent thoughtlessness as regards conservation, and his scorn of economy, has been his fond belief that whenever his fuel tank ran dry he could coast to a filling station. There are substantial grounds for his theory. It is estimated there are in this country alone more than 350,000 filling stations and 700,000 gasoline pumps. That means about one station for every 80 vehicles and one pump for every 100 per cent.

The trend is also for gasoline marketing companies to operate their own stations and so control the service provided for patrons. The business of fueling and lubricating motor vehicles has become one requiring training, experience, ethics and business judgment. Marketing companies have become convinced that they have not only an interest in, but a responsibility for, making certain that their patrons are supplied with petroleum products adapted to their particular needs; that these products properly are represented and sold, and that the necessary service is correct, and complete. Practices not only unsound, unethical and unscientific from the motorist's point of view, came into being with the rapid increase in the number of service stations, and in order to free the retailing of petroleum products of the unfair and unethical competition by which both industry and public suffered under the National Code of Practice for Marketing Refined Petroleum Products was put into effect.

Rising Costs of Production to be Met by Industry.

With these newly developed methods of distribution in operation, it is believed that the industry will, to a degree, be able to meet steadily rising costs of production. And there is no doubt that from field to market production costs have been rising. Forty years ago a 1,000-foot well was a "deep hole," and twenty years ago 1,500-foot wells were the average. To-day wells of 4,000 and 5,000 feet in depth is being approached. Driller costs, nominally \$500 a day, increase enormously as the drill sinks to the lower levels, and the comparatively few days, or weeks, once needed to complete a well lengthen into months. Machinery and tools must be stronger, more labour is required, and unusual earth conditions in the form of high temperature, high water, gas pressures and the like often are encountered.

Bootlegging has come into the gasoline business, largely through the increase in competition and in gasoline tax rates. In both cases, the objective is greater profits, and both, to the public as well as to the industry, mean greater losses.

"Bootleg gasoline" is of two kinds. One is gasoline brought into a State, usually under cover of darkness, for the purpose of evading the gasoline sales tax. The other is "gyp" gasoline, often inferior in quality and sometimes harmful to automotive power plants, unlawfully substituted in dispensing devices bearing the trade-mark or brand name of established companies.

Usually it is marketed at cut prices, a move to meet competition in a business that measures its profits per gallon by the current quotations on postage stamps. It may be gasoline hastily and carelessly manufactured, a menace to any motor because of the danger of damage from lack of proper volatility or the presence of corrosives, such as sulphur. Again it may be good gasoline, but "cut," or adulterated, by blending with some cheaper product, such as kerosene, to increase the quantity and meet the requirements of bargain counter prices.

Such gasoline is not to be confused with that marketed at "distress sale" prices by some refiner who has produced too well but not wisely as regards quantity and must move his product to avoid the high cost of storage. Nor must it be confused with unidentified fuel; that is, lacking a brand name, marketed by reliable dealers. But buying "gyp" gasoline is a risk, because the purchaser faces the possibility of damaging his motor, and he seldom gets a bargain, because the product is poor and cannot give good results. Normally the risk may be avoided by exercising average caution and by trading with established dealers known to handle reputable goods.

Gasoline Bootleggers' Schemes for Evading the Tax.

The story of gasoline bootlegged to evade payment of the gasoline tax is merely the introductory chapter to the whole story of the growth of what is probably the greatest sales tax known to history. It is the story of tax rates

and revenue pyramid, of income distributed and dissipated, until the motorist has taken on his shoulders the burden not only of meeting more than half the cost of roads but of contributing his share if not more, to the education of the young, the conservation of the oyster, the erection of State buildings, the purchase of State watersheds, the propagation of fish, the reduction of other taxes and the building up of reserve and general funds to be used for any purpose.

The gasoline bootlegger, in numbers and profits, appears to be growing. In fact his racket has assumed the proportions of a prosperous business, if an income of several million dollars a year is indicative of prosperity. His activity is based on the fact that, while the established gasoline dealer has an average profit margin of 2 cents per gallon and the States levy gasoline sales taxes of from 2 to 6 cents per gallon, the retail profits on gasoline can be increased to 4 or 8 cents per gallon simply by evading the tax.

There are other bootlegging schemes. The harbours and bays of the coastal States afford excellent facilities for bootleggers operating tank ships, or rebuilt tank vessels, to land and deliver fuel with small chance of detection. Shipping gasoline in tank cars labeled "distillate," which is non-taxable, is an old scheme, but risky. Less risk attends the practice of using such low-grade fuels as distillate to "water" and consequently increase the contents of gasoline storage tanks. Nor does moving bootleg gasoline by night in trucks involve great risk. There is little doubt but that in some thinly settled sections it is trucked by day.

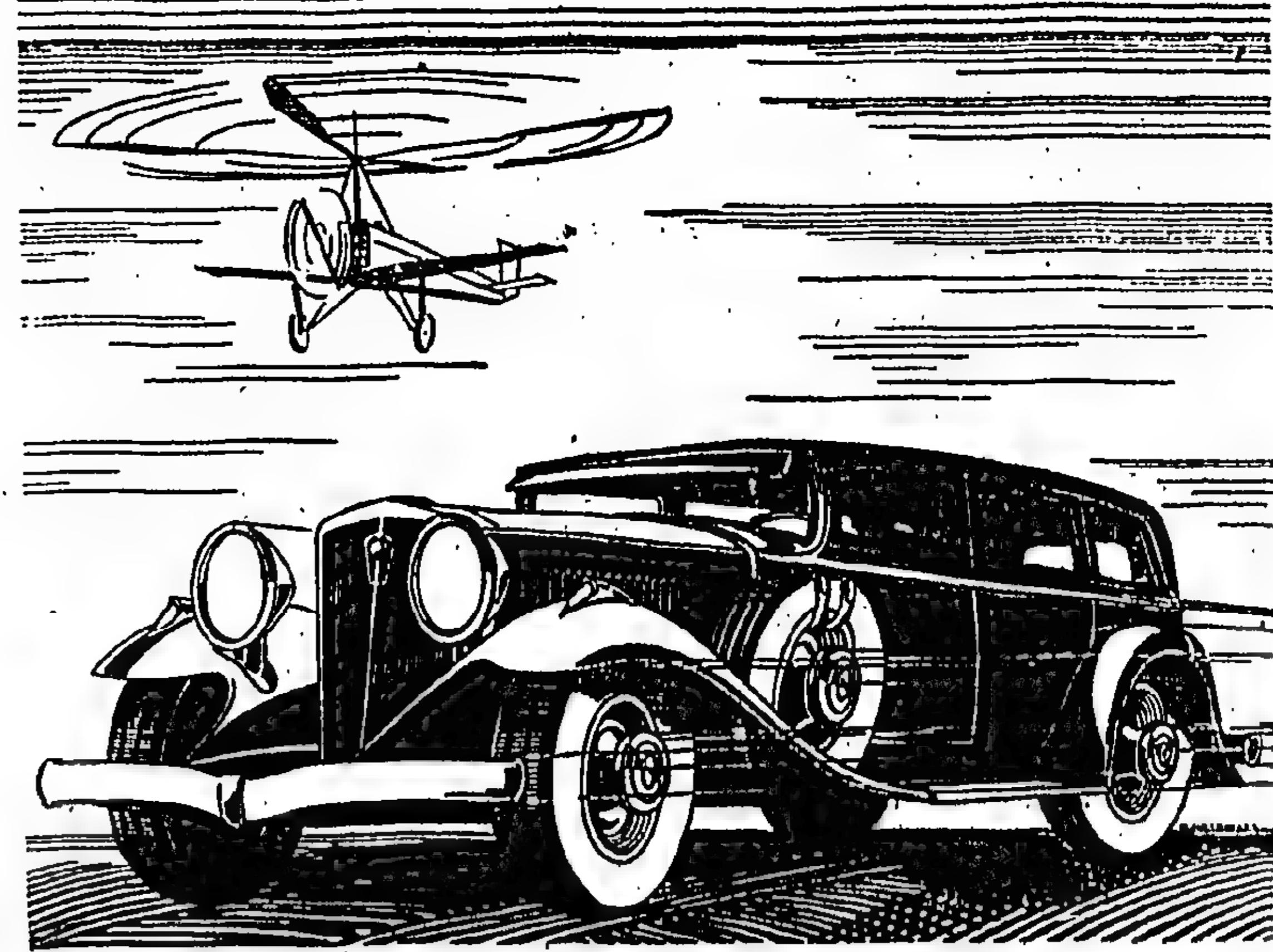
These are not isolated instances of gasoline bootlegging, but only a few of the many schemes given more or less prominent mention in the daily press. Nor are gasoline bootleggers few in number. In Cook County, Ill., press reports show that a grand jury recently indicted thirty-eight persons accused of evading gasoline tax payments by some such methods.

It was estimated that the loss to the State in the Chicago area alone exceeded \$2,000,000. In Indiana, the State was called upon to investigate the activities of gasoline marketers who had been importing from Illinois tank cars of gasoline labeled "distillate." Back taxes of \$10,000 were obtained from one company. A somewhat similar case, involving some \$125,000 in back taxes and penalties, appears to have been settled for \$20,000 cash and a promise to pay \$5,000 additional within a specified time. It was estimated that bootleg operations involved more than 3,000,000 gallons in Northern Indiana alone.

Diversion of State Gasoline Tax Revenues.

Somewhat akin to tax evasion, is the matter of diversion of gasoline tax revenues. In many States such diversion of funds complies with the letter of the law, if not with its spirit. From the conception of the gasoline tax in Oregon in 1919, the fundamental purpose has been to finance the construction, maintenance and improvement of highways. But so popular has been the levy, and so painless its collection, until rates of 4, 5 and 6 cents per gallon were reached, it was only natural that legislators should come to look upon it as a bountiful source of limitless revenue. Evidently, it has been too great a temptation to dangle before the eyes of hungry Legislatures. At any rate, in 1926, seven years after the tax first was levied, \$9,074,466 of the gasoline tax income was diverted to purposes other than highways, and some of it to purposes quite unrelated to highways. Two years later, in 1928, the amount diverted to miscellaneous purposes had climbed to \$18,491,754. In 1929, tax revenues so diverted, reached \$24,405,027, and the total diversion for 1930 probably will be close to \$30,000,000. A comparison of the tax income and tax income and tax diversion each year clearly indicates that 6 per cent or full interest on the money the motorist supposedly is paying for highways, is spent, partly on city streets, but mostly on other projects.—Exchange.

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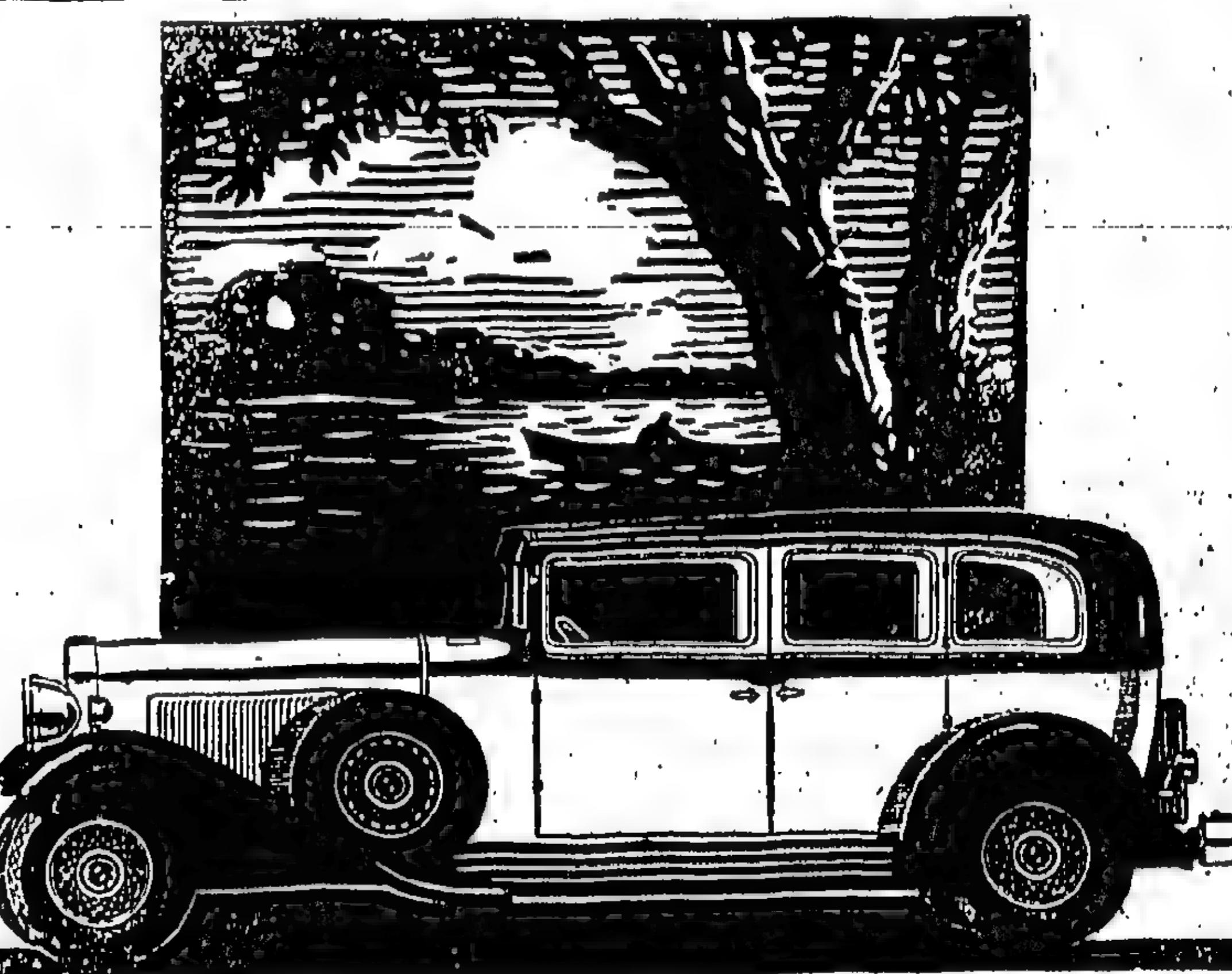
There is one automobile for every 4.23 persons in the United States, according to the American Motorists' Association. The figure for 1929 was one car to every 5.3 persons.

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Eighty million dollars has been apportioned to the states by the Federal government in its Federal aid road construction programme for 1931 to relieve the unemployment situation.

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THE FORSAKEN WIFE.**CHANGING TRAGEDY OF UNJUST WILLS.****COMMONS IN FAVOUR.**

Miss Rathbone, the Independent who sits for the English Universities, and, by her own claim, "an expert in domestic unhappiness," has succeeded in sending her Bill altering the testamentary laws to a Joint Committee of Lords and Commons.

The measure, which prevents either husband or wife disinheritating other members of their family, received a second reading by 149 to 28 votes, though the Government's lawyers among the Commons were hostile.

Speaking broadly, the principle of the Bill is that the surviving spouse shall inherit half of the estate if there are no children of the marriage, and a third if there is a "family," and the children have also to be provided for.

Miss Rathbone, whose authority on domestic discord was won in war-time Liverpool while investigating the reasons for which soldiers stopped their wives' allowances, had prepared her recommendation of the Bill with thoroughness. The freedom of the testator, she asserted, is a comparatively new idea in English Common Law, and this liberty had resulted in more injustice than is usually supposed.

Widows' Claims.

In Scotland and on the Continent, women and children are assigned a definite portion of an estate. In the Dominions, widow and her children may appeal to the Courts if left destitute. Her proposals, contended Miss Rathbone, bettered both systems, being subject to more exceptions and limitations than Scottish practice, while yet bestowing rights more definite than rule in the Dominions.

Captain Bourne was just as thorough in moving the rejection. Few men, he observed, malleably refuse to take thought for wife or children, and leave all their money to benefit stray cats. In intestacy the law already looked after the survivors; some wives were provided for in their husband's lifetime; and what of the spouse with ample independent means?

Another good point was suggested by Mr. Lewellyn Jones, solicitor who has practised for forty years without striking any of Miss Rathbone's specified hardships. If a widow marries again, he said, the first husband's estate may go to his successor, while the children of the first marriage stand muttering in the cold.

Mr. Lovat Fraser was one of the few barristers who liked the Bill, and while declaring that he wanted to put the type of Victorian father who threatened disinheritance in his place, woman in the public gallery screamed and fainted like any Victorian wife, and had to be taken out of her place.

No Cue from Government.

The Solicitor-General shook hands with the Bill in a limp, unenthusiastic way. It might create, he argued, more injustice than it removed; legislation to cause more ill-feeling and litigation could scarcely be contemplated, and small estates would probably be eaten up by legal costs. Beyond saying that Miss Rathbone's plan needed the utmost consideration, he gave the House no cue.

The measure soon after was sent to the Joint Committee, where it will most likely stay.

FAMILY OF SIX IN A PIG STY.**GETTING £3 4/- A WEEK.**

A story of a family of six who lived in a pig sty, although the husband was the owner of two houses, for each of which he drew £5s. a week rent, was told at Durham when Robert Milner (43), Langley Moor, was sentenced to a month's imprisonment for neglecting his four children. Mrs. Milner was bound over.

It was stated that Mr. and Mrs. Milner and their four children had previously lived in a house which was condemned and demolished, and they were found living in the pig sty, in the corner of which was a young pig. Rain came through the roof. The children were poorly clad, and were removed to the Poor Law institution.

In addition to the £5s. a week rent which he drew Milner also received £3s. a week unemployment benefit.

An Inspector of the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children said the drinking utensils were tins, and jars.

ROMANCE OF WILD WEST.**DEATH OF OLD WOMAN IN MINNESOTA.**

Kajsa Eng, one of the few surviving woman pioneers of the Wild West from the time of the Indian wars, died recently in the little town of Alexandria in Minnesota 104 years old. She was born in 1827 in the northern Swedish province of Herjedalen and at her death was the oldest inhabitant of Minnesota.

Her death vividly recalls the stirring tales of the Indian uprisings when the American government attempted to confine the "redskins" to the Indian reservations.

The Eng family went over to the United States about 65 years ago like thousands of other hardy pioneer families. They settled in the wilds of Minnesota in a little log cabin, cleared the ground and worked up a little farm. The Indians at that time were roving around in these parts and often made life dangerous to the white settlers. The Eng family, however, always were kind and hospitable to their red brethren.

Soon after their arrival a couple of Indian squaws with their children entered the tiny cabin and by signs gave to understand that they had wanted some milk. The poor white milky had only one cow, but Mrs. Eng gave the women half of all the milk she had. Later on Indians often came and asked for bread. The housewife showed them her entire supply of bread and gave them one half of what she possessed. The Indians showed gratitude by presenting the family with deer flesh when their hunting luck had been good.

A couple of years after the settling of the Eng family an Indian uprising broke out. All other white families fled terror-stricken to the neighbouring little towns, but the Engs remained, partly because they had no horse and partly because they did not want to abandon their little property. One day six Indians in full war array came into the cabin and asked for milk. They got it and on departing stuck a white feather into the outside wall of the cabin, indicating to the family that as long as it remained there they would be safe from attack. Several groups of Indians on the war-path later passed the cabin but all respected the sign of protection of their comrades. There is no doubt that the kindness of the Eng family saved them from the ravages, to which most other white settlers were exposed.

Recent historic researches concerning the settling of the first Swedish colonists on the Delaware have revealed interesting facts and documents showing that the Swedes were always on good terms with the Indians. The Swedish immigrants bought their land from the aborigines and never took anything by force of arms. Regular sales contracts still exist, signed by Indian chiefs, with whom the Swedes afterwards maintained cordial friendship and mutually profitable trading relations.

SHARE PRICES.**TO-DAY'S QUOTATIONS.**

The following is the list of local share quotations issued to-day:

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Hongkong Bank, \$2030 s.
Chartered Bank, \$17 1/4 n.

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East Asia, \$116 1/2 b.

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Canton Ins., \$1330 b.

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China Underwriters, \$3.65 b.

Yangtze Ins., \$50 n.

China Fire, \$535 n.

H. K. Fire Ins., \$1320 b.

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Douglas, \$25 n.

H. K. Steamboats, \$26.50 n.

Indo-China, \$10 1/2 n.

Union Waterboats, \$30 1/2 n.

Mining.

Benguet, \$10 1/2 n.

Kailan, 35/- n.

Shai Explorations, Tls. 6 1/2 n.

Raub, 40 1/4 n.

Docks, etc.

Kowloon Wharves, \$172 s.

Whampoa Docks, \$30 1/2 b.

South China Motors, \$10 n.

China Provident, \$5.35 n. (old).

Hongkew, Tls. 274 b.

New Engineers, Tls. 5 1/4 s.

Shanghai Docks, Tls. 110 b.

Cottons.

Ewe Cotton Tls. 14.05 b.

Shai Cotton Tls. 99 b.

Lands, Hotels, etc.

H. and H. Hotels, \$12.90 b.

H. K. Land, \$35 b.

Shai Land, Tls. 412 n.

Humphreys, \$16.80 ss.

Realities, \$3.80 ss.

Public Utilities.

Tramways, \$17.75 ss.

Peak Trams, (old) \$14 1/4 b.

Star Ferries, \$88 75 n.

China Lights, \$25.20 n.

H. K. Electrics, \$80 1/4 ss.

Telephones, \$2 1/2 b.

China Buses, Tls. 18 1/4 n.

Singapore Tramways, \$6 1/2 ss.

Industrial.

China Sugar, \$0 ss. n.

Malabon, \$8 n.

Canal Iron, \$3.80 s.

Cements (Comb.) \$16.70 ss.

Ropes, \$14 s.

THIS AFTERNOON'S RACING.**NINE INTERESTING EVENTS ON THE CARD.**

(By "Ringtail.")

There should be a big attendance at the Extra Race Meeting this afternoon. The course is a little on the damp side after the heavy rain early this morning, but the sun should dry it up fairly well.

To-day every race is a handicap event, which means that there are likely to be some upsets, especially as quite a number of those ponies which were not very prominent at the annual Meeting have been relegated to the bottom of the handicap's list, which should give them a good chance against the heavier-weighted candidates.

With the exception of the "B" Class events and the sub-s races, most of the fields will be on the small side, owing to the elimination of winners' and ponies which are being rested after their strenuous two days engagements.

Brekers will, of course, be learned by now that the new barrier plays a big part in racing these days, and ponies which have bad habits at the starting post should be noted, especially when the fields are big, for it is a certainty that if they do not get away with the rest of the field, their chances will be spoilt from the start.

My selections are as follows:

First Race.

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Acacia Leaf.

Second Race.

Crown Prince.
Imperial Hall.
Lobster Bay.

Third Race.

Paul Pry.
Nippy.
Little Beaver.

Fourth Race.

Orlando.
Grey Dawn.
Mongolian Stag.

Fifth Race.

The Raindrop.
Queen Regent.
Pegasus.

Sixth Race.

Tomb Thumb.
Scrappit.
Peter Davey.

Seventh Race.

Britannic Hall.
Wise Stag.
Mindoro.

Eighth Race.

Mike.
Christina Chimes.
Fair Sport.

Ninth Race.

Wisdom Stag.
Jill.
Vasylock....

MAN WITH THE LUMINOUS FACE.**MATCH-BOX HISTORY.**

How the vivid impression made on the mind of a child by a victim of phosphorous poisoning led to the banning of phosphorous matches from England was told by Sir Ernest Graham Little, M.P., recently.

Speaking at the dinner of the Women Public Health Officers' Association in London, Sir Ernest said one of his most intimate friends was a great match manufacturer, the third generation of his firm.

"He told me that years ago, when he was a small boy, his father, who was the head of the firm at that time, took him into a dark room where a man who suffered from necrosis of nearly the whole of the bones of the face from phosphorous was sitting.

"The man's head and face were phosphorescent and showed up as a luminous patch in the darkened room.

"My friend never forgot the incident. When he in turn became head of his firm he resolved that he would stop manufacturing matches which involved the use of naked phosphorus."

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THE SCHNEIDER TROPHY.**ITALY TAKING NO CHANCES.**

Rome, Feb. 16. Italy is determined to take no chances on the Schneider Trophy, and in addition to the new young pilots being tried out at the speed training station on Lake Garda, the "old guard" of Italian Schneider flying aces are also now in training there.

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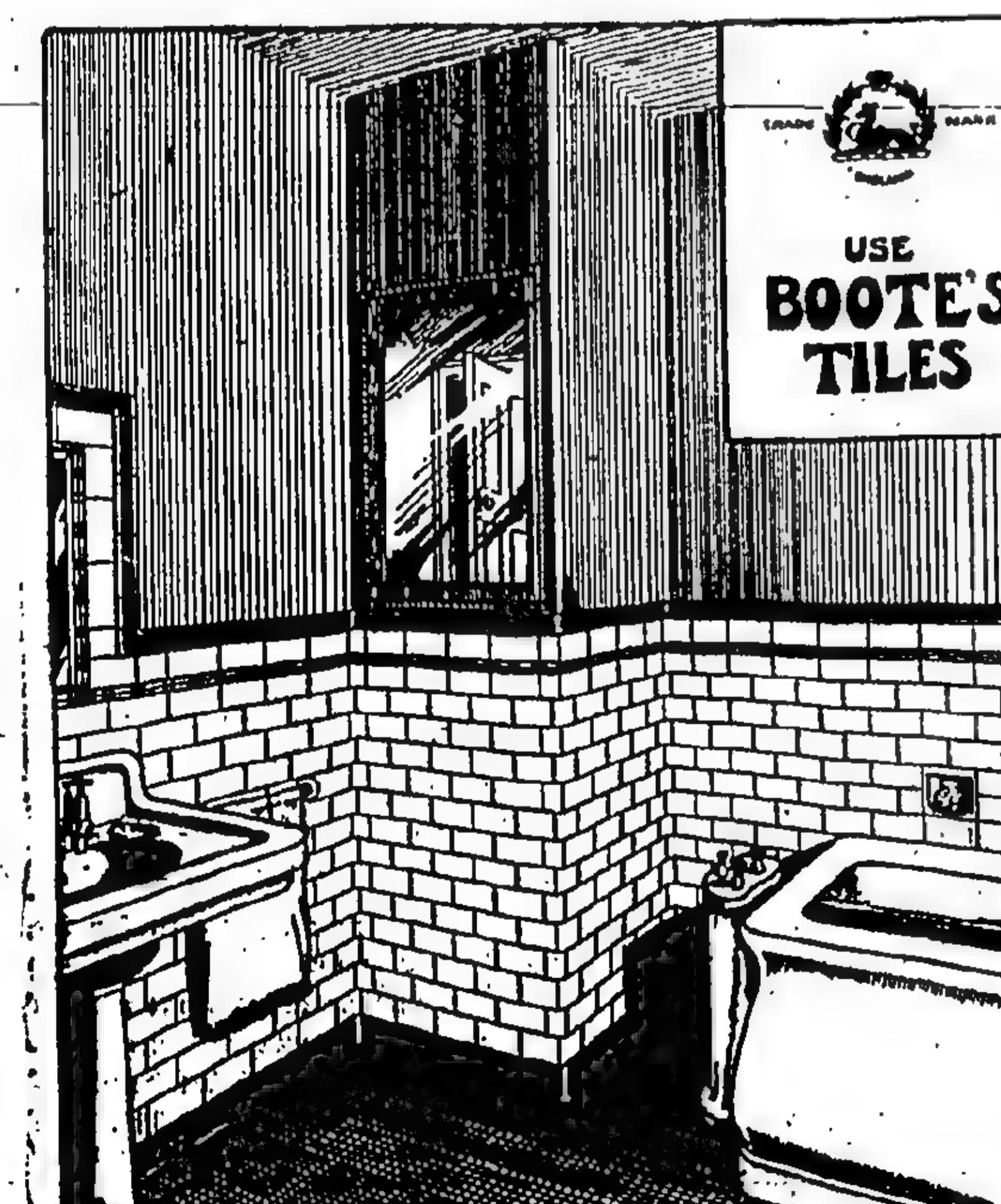
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CINEMA NOTES.

CHARACTER ACTORS KNOWN TO FAME.

Character actors and actresses play a prominent part in the cast of "High Society Blues," Fox Movietone's musical romance starring Janet Gaynor and Charles Farrell.

William Collier, Sr., Ned Sparks, Louise Fazenda and Lucien Littlefield have prominent roles in this production which will be seen and heard tomorrow at the Queen's Theatre.

Collier, probably the most famous light comedian in American stage ever produced, has been identified with the critics for nearly half a century.

Mina Hopper, who comes from a socially prominent family, left finishing school for the New York stage, scoring her greatest success in "Six Cylinder Love." She has been in pictures for seven years and has been featured in many prominent productions.

Miss Fazenda, starting her career with Mack Sennett, has become one of the most popular character actresses on the screen. Littlefield, also a former stage actor, has been in Hollywood ten years. Among his prominent pictures have been "Bachelor for Brutes," "The Torrent," "Take It From Me," "Twinkle Toes," "Uncle Tom's Cabin," "Cheating Cheaters," "Seven Keys to Baldpate" and "My Best Girl."

David Butler directed "High Society Blues" and Joseph McCarthy and James F. Hanley provided the song numbers.

"Little Accident".

One of the highest priced actors in films, despite complete lack of experience, worked in "Little Accidents," Universal's hilarious comedy drama now showing at the Majestic Theatre.

The actor was a three-weeks-old baby who received \$75 a day for each working day of twenty minutes, which was as long as state regulations allowed him to appear on the set. At this rate of pay, the salary for an eight hour a day, six-day week would be \$18,000. Douglas Fairbanks, Jr., Anita Page, Sally Blane, Zasu Pitts and Joan Marsh are featured in "Little Accidents."

The notable cast also includes Roscoe Karns, Slim Summerville, Henry Armetta, Myrtle Borras Mann, Gertrude Shergill and Dot Farley. William James Crafts directed. Imminable Star in Sparkling Talker.

When people or nations have dissenting views of each other there can be no amity unless the divided forces get together to smile over their supposed differences. This is delightfully proven in "So This Is London," Fox Movietone production starring Will Rogers and now to be seen and heard at the Queen's Theatre.

Based on the successful stage play produced by George M. Cohan, some time ago, the story deals primarily with a wealthy owner of a cotton mill in Texas, a role played by Will Rogers, the imminable wit and philosopher. The character he interprets, thinks he has a decided dislike for certain foreign types.

Eventually there comes a time when he has to visit the British Isles in order to arrange for the purchase of an English cotton mill.

He takes his wife and only son aboard with him and on the way over the junior falls in love with an English girl returning from the States.

When the love affair gets serious pap decides it is time for him to check if, for marriage of his son to an English girl is the one thing he will not tolerate.

His efforts to stop the marriage, his meeting with her titled parents and his finding out that they are not what he thought but regular folks, coupled with their change of mind towards Americans, forms the plot of a highly entertaining and decidedly instructive picture.

Irene Rich heads the support as the wife of the American and Maureen O'Sullivan and Frank Albertson are the youthful lovers. Lundeen Haze and Mary Forbes are the title English folk. The cast, according to our way of thinking, is faultless. John G. Blystone's direction adds another triumph to his impressively long list of achievements.

"Hit the Deck."

Luther Reed, director of two of the biggest musical sensations in talking pictures, "Rio Rita," and "Hit the Deck," is considered a prominent authority on moving picture choruses and their requirements.

"In screen musical comedies," said Reed, "chorus should be considered as units of clear personality and grace, rather than for the excellence and beauty of the individual chorines."

"On the stage, the bold-headed man in the front row or any man in any row is able to pick out his favorite from the group. This does not happen on the screen, where the action is fast and the camera angles make it difficult for the audience to get an impression of any one chorine in the ensemble unless she is singled out for a close-up."

"Choruses on the screen, therefore, really become more or less impressionistic backgrounds with a sum total of personality and perfection."

"Hit the Deck" is showing at the Central Theatre for the last time today.

"Slightly Scarlet".

Supported by a remarkably strong cast, Evelyn Brent and Clive Brook come to the Central Theatre tomorrow, in their first co-starring picture, "Slightly Scarlet." These stars made an outstanding hit in Paramount's first all-talking picture, "Interference." They are, tremendously effective in this New Show World talking picture filled with fast action, romantic thrills, dangerous adventure and wholesome laughs.

"Slightly Scarlet" keeps audiences on the qui vive every second. Each new situation is a surprise situation, an unexpected plot twist that is hard to believe. There is not a dull moment in the whole show. And the time that beautiful Miss Brent sees handsome

LOCAL TENNIS.

GOOD MATCH IN THE OPEN SINGLES.

Many interesting matches in the Open Tournament were played off on the Hongkong Cricket Club ground yesterday afternoon, but the best match of the programme was undoubtedly that between the two rivals, Paul Kong and the Hongkong champion, Ng Sze-kwong, who won after two well contested sets.

Every point was fought for right from the commencement, and the crowd which gathered to watch this great match was rewarded with one of the best matches played to date in the Open Singles. Paul Kong had a physical advantage over his opponent, who was, however, backed up by a wealth of experience, which stood him in good stead time and again yesterday.

The first few games were even, and reached dence repeatedly. When leading 5-4, Kong was within set point on many occasions but failed to press home his advantage, and allowed his opponent to draw level. The same thing happened two games later, to Ng Sze-kwong, who was again able to snatch the advantage.

Exchanges were very even, but Ng made no mistake when leading 8-5, and eventually won the first set. He was fortunate to do so, as there was absolutely nothing to choose between the two players.

On the resumption, Ng was obviously tiring, but pluckily forced the pace as the light was getting bad. He succeeded in winning the first three games, but Kong won the next two. Each won a game until 6-4 was called in favour of Ng Sze-kwong, who made a big effort and succeeded in winning the game and set.

Paul Kong did not lose through inferior stroke production, but had to give way to a player who had a wealth of experience of local tournament play behind him.

Honda Progresses.

The champion, T. Honda, was also in action yesterday afternoon, and won his game in straight sets against W. C. Hung, who put up quite a good fight. He lost the first set 7-5,

and the second 6-2.

Ng Sze-cheung qualified for the next round by defeating Luk Ding-cheung with the loss of one game in each set; while Ho Ka-lau beat through the expense of his club-mate Yew Man-kit. W. T. Leo did not meet with very much opposition from Dr. Valentine, winning in straight sets; and in the only match played in the Open Doubles, Leonard and Lai beat Liang and Chan, 6-1.

Cubs Championship, A. L. Sullivan beat Tufon, 6-0, 6-1; H. J. Armstrong beat T. J. Price, 6-3, 6-4.

The Results.

The full scores of yesterday's matches follow:

Open Singles.—Ng Sze-kwong beat Paul Kong, 10-8, 6-4; T. Honda beat W. C. Hung, 7-5, 6-2; Ho Ka-lau beat Yew Man-kit, 6-4, 6-4; W. T. Lee beat Dr. Valentine, 6-1, 6-3; Ng Sze-cheung beat Luk Ding-cheung, 6-1, 6-1.

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New Delhi, Mar. 13.

The Committee of the Legislative Assembly has recommended the immediate imposition of an additional duty of 4½ annas per eighty pounds on salt imported to British India; and also has recommended that the Government be empowered further to increase the duty up to an additional anna if justified by any further fall in foreign prices.—Reuters.

Clive Brook in Paris and wishes she could know him. They finally meet, and then the real excitement begins. Each has a secret he dreads revealing to the other.

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FRENCH LOAN TO GERMANY.

RUMOUR WIDELY DISCUSSED IN PARIS PRESS.

Paris, Feb. 8.

The suggestion of a French loan to Germany is widely discussed today, and as usual when there is any question of Franco-German negotiations the Press is divided according to political sentiments.

While the Radical and Socialist papers, pursuing an internationalist policy, approve of the project as a gesture of friendship, Conservative and moderate opinion is definitely sceptical as to its advantages.

As the loan, if it were advanced, would be covered by the French Government, it is thought that before it is authorised there should be some guarantee of future benefit accruing to France either financially or diplomatically.

To the man in the street the prospect of any such benefit materialising appears dangerously vague, if not doubtful. The argument that by helping to put Germany on her feet France would indirectly assist herself through the general improvement in the European situation, as the advocates of a loan assert, is considered distinctly specious.

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LONDON TO BE SHAPED LIKE A STAR.

SATELLITE CITIES AND TOWNS.

A New London; a great, star-shaped city, surrounded by satellite towns and garden cities divided from one another by playing fields and open country; an exodus of industry from congested areas and no more traffic rush hours

That is the London of the future as pictured by the Inform Report on Decentralisation, issued by the Greater London Regional Planning Committee

The report, compiled by Dr. Raymond Unwin, the regional planning expert, and endorsed in principle by the Committee, has been keenly awaited by the Ministries of Transport and Health, authorities and town planning committees.

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The Unemployed.

The most important recommendation is that, pending the necessary powers to carry the full scheme into operation, the Government should be asked to promote two or three complete satellite towns on the outskirts of London as part of the programme of work for the unemployed. Slough is named as being particularly suitable for such an experiment.

London as we know it, says the report, is ready to become the parent body to two great circles of satellite towns, one 12 miles distant from the centre and the other 25 miles out. Thus the new "greater" Greater London would be 60 miles in diameter and stretch halfway to Brighton.

If the scheme were carried out to-day it would mean the establishment of 16 complete towns of 30,000, ten towns of 50,000, or five towns of 100,000.

An interim report on open spaces urges prompt action to secure at least another 20,000 acres of land for playing fields within a radius of eight to ten miles of the centre of London. The London County Council has agreed to call a conference of local authorities on this matter.

In the morning, the Shanghai contestants will be given the use of the range for practice.

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VALIDITY UPHELD.

Expressing the opinion in his will that victorious and wealthy England is well able to provide for its soldiers disabled in the late war," Mr. Olway Robinson, a retired master mariner, left his military estate of £7,000 "to the German Government for the time being for the benefit of its soldiers disabled in the late war."

Mr. Justice Maugham, in the Chancery Division was asked to decide the validity of this bequest.

In the event of its being held to be void for uncertainty or otherwise, Mr. Robinson made an alternative gift of £1,000 to General Smuts personally and the remainder to him to apply "at his discretion and in such manner as he may think fit for the benefit of any disabled Boers who have suffered through the South African War."

The validity of this bequest was also challenged.

Mr. F. Morton, for General Smuts, argued that if the money went to the German Government by the terms of the will every one of the huge number of German soldiers disabled in the late war would have to receive a portion of it. The German Government was not given power of selection.

Mr. Justice Maugham: If the British Government were handed a sum of money, however large, they could find numerois organisations to assist them to help disabled soldiers.

Lead to Another War!

Mr. Morton: If the testator had mentioned any German charitable organisation it might have been difficult to challenge the gift. In the case of General Smuts there is no ambiguity.

Mr. Morton also argued that the gift to German soldiers was contrary to public policy, as bequests of that kind might assist Germany to make another war.

Mr. Justice Maugham: On the same principle, aid to discharged prisoner might encourage him to commit another crime.

Mr. Crossman (for the Attorney-General) said the suggestion that a gift to Germany was against public policy was ridiculous.

Mr. Justice Maugham said Mr. Dobinson was a bachelor who had no near relatives except his half-brother.

"A trust for helping ex-enemy soldiers disabled in the war is more likely to tend towards peace in the future than it is to encourage

GUN CHASE ACROSS NEW YORK.

SHOT MAN DROPS 50 FEET.

New York, Feb. 12. A running gun fight between bandits and a policeman electrified the city to-day.

While on duty in Brooklyn, Policeman Skelly attempted to halt a car containing three members of a gang responsible for 60 robberies in the district since the New Year.

Their response was to fire five shots at him, all of which missed, and then the driver tried to run him down. The officer jumped to safety and, commandeering a passing car, gave chase to the bandits.

There followed a pursuit across the eastern boroughs of New York more sensational than any film drama yet invented.

Crowded Streets.

Standing on the running board, Skelly fired shot after shot, as the bandits' car raced at reckless speed through the crowded streets. One of the bandits was wounded.

At the boundary of Brooklyn their car collided with another and, being thrown out, they made a dash for a station of New York's elevated railway. Skelly, close behind, caught one bandit as he was climbing over the bridge, and, in view of 300 terrified passengers in the train, fired a shot that sent the gangster crashing 50 feet to his death in the street below.

A taxicab containing two Roman Catholic priests was passing at that moment, and they dismounted to render the last rites to the dying robber.

Pelted with Fist.

Meanwhile, the second bandit had sought refuge on the train, causing panic among the passengers, who started pouring out of it. Skelly, however, cornered him in the motorman's cab, and prevented him from setting the train in motion.

The policeman gave him a chance to come out without shooting, but as the robber appeared, revolver in hand, Skelly pelted him with a blow of his fist.

The third bandit, who had been wounded managed to escape during the confusion in the station, and hid in a neighbouring cemetery.

After his capture Skelly said he thought he had done enough for one day.

people to adopt benevolent ideas," he added. He ordered that the fund should be handed over to the German Reich.

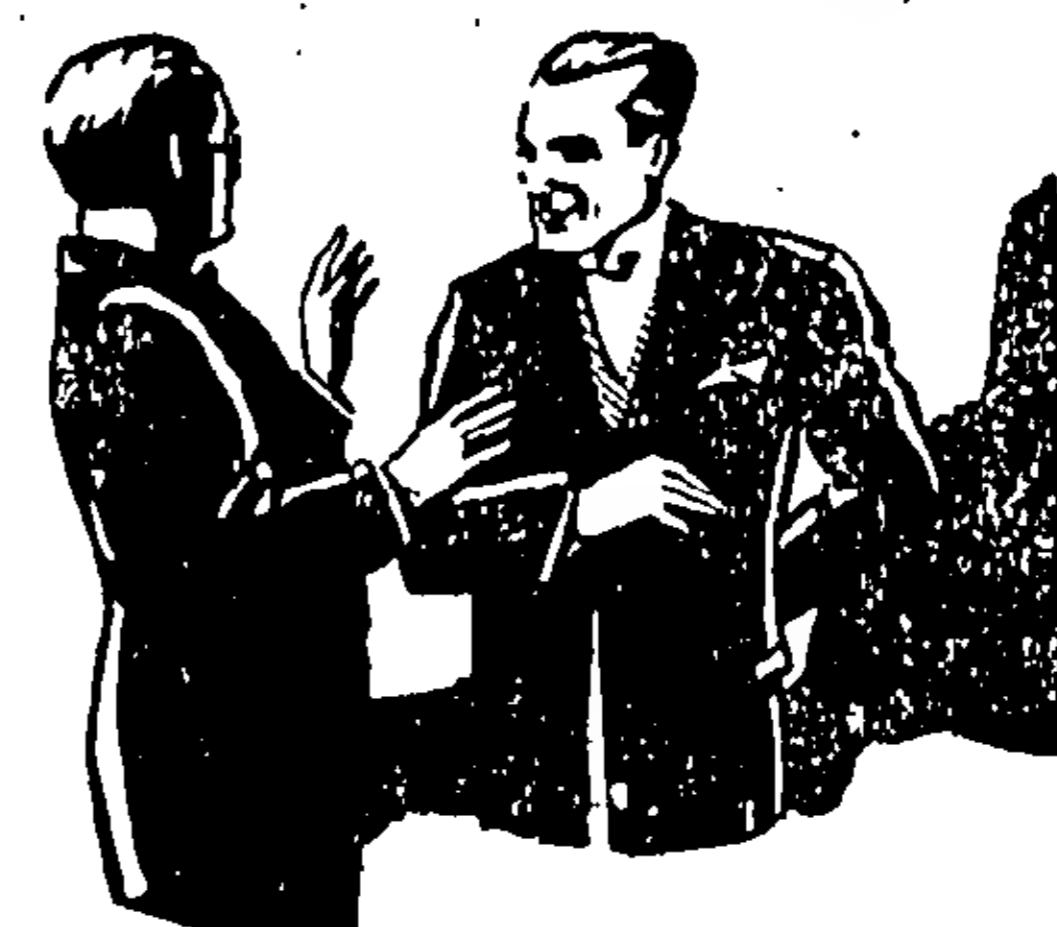
million live births being 9,691 against 1,288 for legitimate infants, while the rates from violence and neglect at birth were 6,312 and 98 respectively.

Deaths from cancer numbered 56,896, the highest number recorded for any one year.

The birth-rate was 16.3 or 0.4 per 1,000 less than in 1928, and was the lowest recorded since the establishment of civil registration.

It is stated that the fall in birth rate in England and Wales "is the more serious since the position of this country in relation to that of others was already a low one before the war, while to-day it is lower than any country save Sweden." France now ranks above England and Wales, Norway, Sweden and Switzerland.

The marriage rate—15.8—is the highest since 1921, from which it is "assumed that the burden and responsibility of marriage under modern conditions presses no more heavily upon the newly-wedded than it did 20 or 30 years ago, notwithstanding the prevailing economic depression."



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MORE MARRIAGES BUT BIRTH RATE LOWEST ON RECORD.

The Registrar-General's statistical Review of England and Wales for 1929 discloses many interesting and surprising facts.

The mortality rate of 13.4 per 1,000 of the population was 16 per cent. above that for 1928, and was "much the highest since mortality was swollen in 1918 by the great influenza pandemic." The increase, it is stated, was unusually sudden.

Influenza, with 29,084 victims, comes first among the causes of death chiefly responsible for the increase. The general death rate was greatest at the two extremes of life and lowest among young adults. These adverse conditions were responsible for an increase in the infantile death-rate from 65 in 1928—the lowest recorded—to 74 per 1,000 live births.

Attention is drawn to the excessive mortality of illegitimate children at this age, the rate per

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THE VOLUNTEERS.

CORPS ORDERS FOR THE COMING WEEK.

No. 11/31.—Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps orders by Lieut.-Col. G. B. Bird, D.R.O., commanding:

Hongkong, March 13.
Parade.—1. The Band will parade at the Music Room, City Hall on Monday, March 16th, at 5.30 p.m., sharp, for Band Practice.

2. The Band is also asked to attend on Friday the Portuguese Company parade until after the G.O.C. Inspection, for March practice.

3. Band Recruits are reminded that a Recruit Class will be held each Monday at Headquarters for practice. It is very essential that all attend the parades.

(b) Battery.—1. There will be a parade in the Miniature Range at 5.30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 17th. Those requiring aiming practice will attend at 5 p.m. This is a voluntary parade.

2. There will be a practice parade for the G.O.C. Inspection on Thursday, March 19th, at 5.30 p.m. at Headquarters. Every member is expected to attend.

3. Musketry. Those members who have been notified are required to fire Part II Table T at Stonecutters range on Sunday, March 22nd. Any member desirous of firing again can do so but he must inform G. C. Battery in good time. Particulars later.

(c) Engineer Company.—1. Sunday, March 15th team shoot with R.E. at Peak Range. Start 9.30 a.m.

Dress: Mufti with rifles only, no bayonets. Rifles must be drawn Saturday morning.

2. Monday, March 16th Miniature Range shoot.

3. Sunday, March 22nd, Part II, Clash Firing and Company Shoot at Stonecutters. Dress: Uniform or Mufti optional. Equipment and bayonets must be taken. Launch leaves Queen's Pier at 9 a.m. and Kowloon Police Pier at 9.10 a.m.

(d) Corps Signals.—Parade will be held at Corps Headquarters at 6.30 p.m. on Tuesday, 17th March and Friday, 20th March.

(e) Machine Gun Troop.—1. Parade at Causeway Bay Stable on Tuesday 17th and Thursday, 19th March at 5.30 p.m.

2. The following will fire M.G. Course Part II at Stonecutters on Sunday, 16th March:

Sergt. Frost, Tpr. Cochrane.

Tpr. Weil, Tpr. Lammett.

Tpr. Holcroft.

(f) Armoured Car Company.—1. Car Section Parade on Monday, 16th instant at Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. for driving instruction and crew drill.

2. Motor Cycle Section. Parade on Monday, 16th instant at Headquarters at 5.15 p.m. for instructional driving.

(g) Machine Gun Company.—1. There will be a parade at Corps Headquarters on Tuesday, 17th instant in Mufti.

2. Machine Gun Training under Platoon arrangements.

3. M. G. Course Part II.—No. 1 Platoon will fire this course at Stonecutters on Sunday, 15th instant.

(h) Revolver Competition.—1. The Company will parade at Headquarters on Friday, March 20th at 5.30 p.m. for Arms and Foot Drill and Practice Marching with Corps Band.

Dress: Belts and sidearms and Rifles.

2. Musketry. No. 12A Platoon will proceed to Stonecutters on Sunday, March 22nd.

Details as issued in Corps Orders for Casuals.

Peak Range Allotment Of.

Peak Range will be allotted to

FANLING HUNT.

SLOW BUT STEADY MEET ON WEDNESDAY.

Hounds met at the Hunter's Arms on Wednesday, and a field of more than 20 attended the hunt. Capt. Mould moved off at 3.15 p.m. and crossing the railway at Fanling station, drew in the pine trees between the station and the volunteer parade ground. Hounds soon hit the line off, and hunted, a line running below the old course to finish close to the farm enclosure beyond the eighth hole. Scent was poor for the first time this month, probably due to the rise in temperature. Wednesday was in fact the first occasion on which the sun has been seen for some weeks.

The second run was from the enclosure to Pott's Bungalow. Hounds this time were not hunting down wind, and the field had to maintain a steady pace to be with the pack. There was a certain amount of woodland hunting, more than one rider being sent across the opposite side of a track to the horses.

Miss Hutchinson, using Sunlock, tried conclusions with a Chinese urn, but appeared at the finish none the worse for it.

The Royal Air force was in good strength. We hope that next year we shall be able to see them at the start of the season.

Sunday's meet is at Pott's Bungalow and will finish near the Lok Ma Chau cross roads. Wednesday's meet has been altered to Thursday on account of the sale of race ponies on the former date. Hounds will meet at the kennels at 3.15 p.m.

(Appointments).

No. 80 R.Q.M.S. Green, H. is appointed Acting Regimental Sergeant Major and Acting President of The Sergeants Mess vice R.S.M. Edmonds, W. H. on leave.

(Struck off the Strength).

Having been dismissed from the Corps.

No. 1126 Pte. J. A. Basto, No. 12 Platoon, dismissed on 3.23.31.

No. 1144 Pte. J. R. Sonres, No. 12 Platoon, dismissed on 3.23.31.

(Leave).

Lieut. L. F. Nicholson, Battery, granted 7 months' leave from 1.4.31 to 31.10.31.

No. 188 Sergt. W. H. C. Robson, Armoured Car Company, Car Section, returned from leave on 10.12.30.

(Sgt.) W. H. G. Goater, Captain, Adjutant, H. K. V. D. C.

(Notice).

The Annual Corps Rifle Meeting will take place at Stonecutters Range on Friday, April 3rd, and Saturday, April 4th. Launch will leave Queen's Pier at 9.15 a.m. on both days, calling at Kowloon Police Pier at 8.30 a.m.

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Simultaneously, there was a severe scuffle between "Nazis" and Communists in Berlin, when 82 "Nazis" were arrested. Eight people were injured.—Reuter.

The Revolver Competition (Corps and All Comms.) will be fired both days: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Friday, April 3rd, and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, April 4th.

Entries. Intending competitors must sign in their names accompanied by entry fees not later than Tuesday, March 24th, to the Hon. Secretary, Rifle Major, for Arms and Foot Drill and Practice Marching with Corps Band.

Dress: Belts and sidearms and Rifles.

Entry Fees. All individual events

50 cents per man with exception of the

Revolver Competition for which the fee is 20 cents per entry (entries unlimited), made on the range.

Competitors will make their own arrangements for tiffin. The canteen will be in operation.

POLICE INTERPORT.

HONGKONG WINS GOLF BY ONE POINT.

Members of the Hongkong Force won by one point in the golf match played at the Royal Hongkong Golf Club course at Fanling yesterday against members of the Shanghai Police Force, the full scores being as follow:

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Shepherd	1/2 Adams
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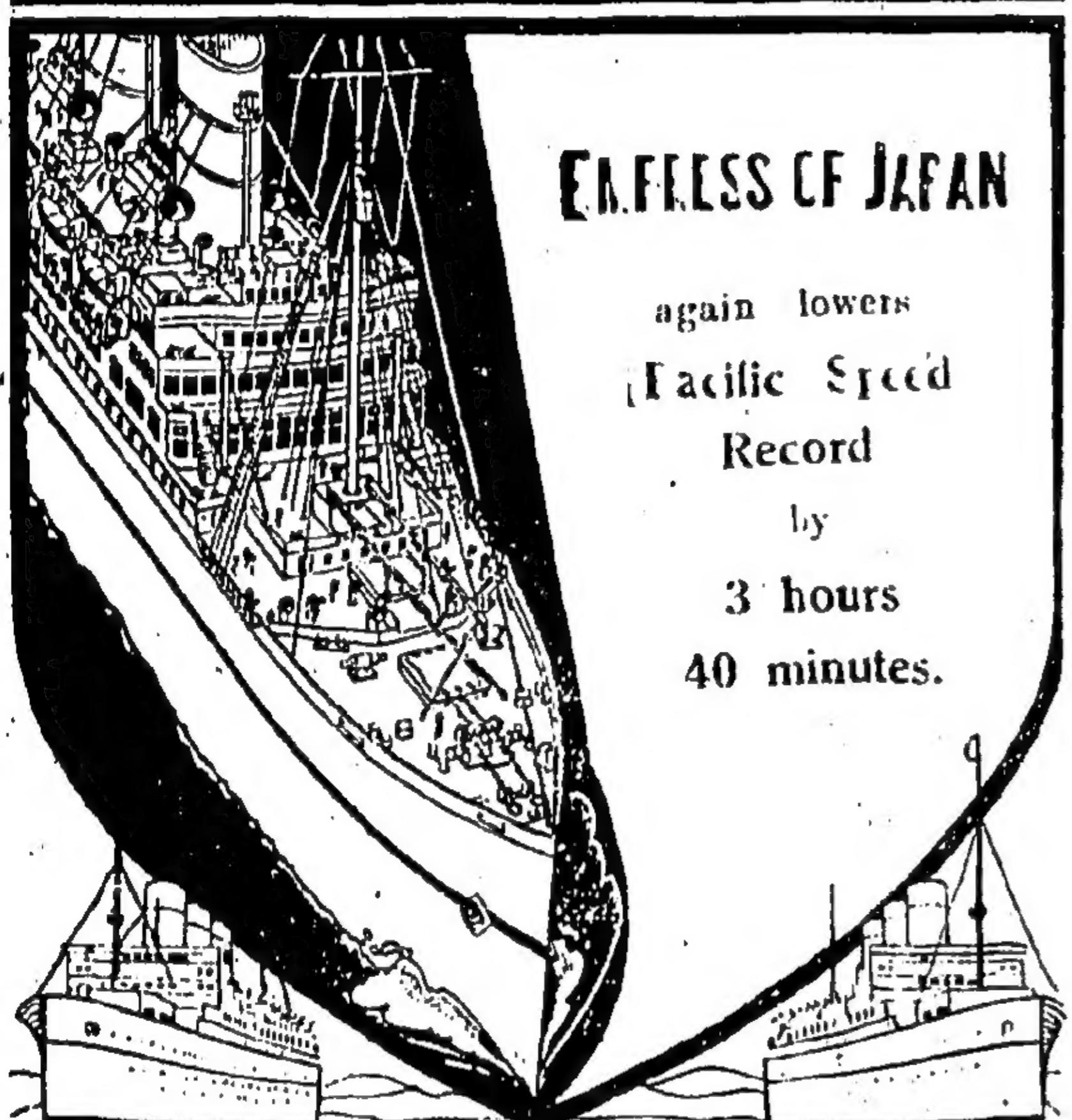
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U.S. PROBLEMS.

MR. HOOVER SEVERELY CRITICISED.

Washington, Mar. 13.—Severe criticism of the present American Government has been made by progressive members of both the leading parties.

"Another Roosevelt is needed at the White House," declared Senator Norris; while Senator La Follette, of Wisconsin, holds that Mr. Hoover is personally responsible for the failure of the last Congress to relieve distress due to the drought.

Senator Borah in an article in *Collier's Weekly* protests against the Administration's propensity to appoint commissioners whenever any troublesome question arises, which he declares has the effect of avoiding direct responsibility to the people.—*Reuter's American Service.*

Racketeering Evil.

New York, Mar. 13.—The prevalence and violence of modern racketeering in America has caused a reaction in favour of capital punishment in the States like Michigan and Kansas, which originally took the lead in its abolition.

A Bill providing for a public referendum on the question of restoration of the death penalty has been passed in Michigan, which has had no execution for over a century; while in Kansas, which abolished executions sixty years ago, there will be an immediate resumption if the Governor signs a Bill which has passed the legislature.—*Reuter's American Service.*

NINETY-SEVEN MILES AN HOUR.

NEW SPEED RECORD FOR "BABY" CARS.

London, Mar. 13.—On the Brooklands track, driving a M.G. "Midny" car, G. E. T. Eyston to-day broke Capt. Malcolm Campbell's recent world "baby" car record, with speeds of:

One kilometre in 97.09 and one mile in 96.93 miles an hour.—*Reuter's*

Captain Malcolm Campbell set a new world record on February 6 for "baby" cars when he reached a speed of 94.061 miles an hour in an Austin, at Daytona beach. That was his first run. His second was clocked at 93.994 miles an hour. His average speed for a kilometre laid out within the measured mile was 93.926 miles an hour.]

AN HONOUR FOR ROY CHAPMAN ANDREWS.

GOBI DESERT DISCOVERIES RECOGNISED.

Washington, Mar. 13.—Doctor Roy Chapman Andrews, the famous American zoologist, has been awarded the Hubbard Gold Medal for his discoveries in the Gobi desert.—*Reuter's American Service.*

Dr. Andrews will be best remembered for his fossil discoveries, particularly the dinosaurs' eggs some years ago.]

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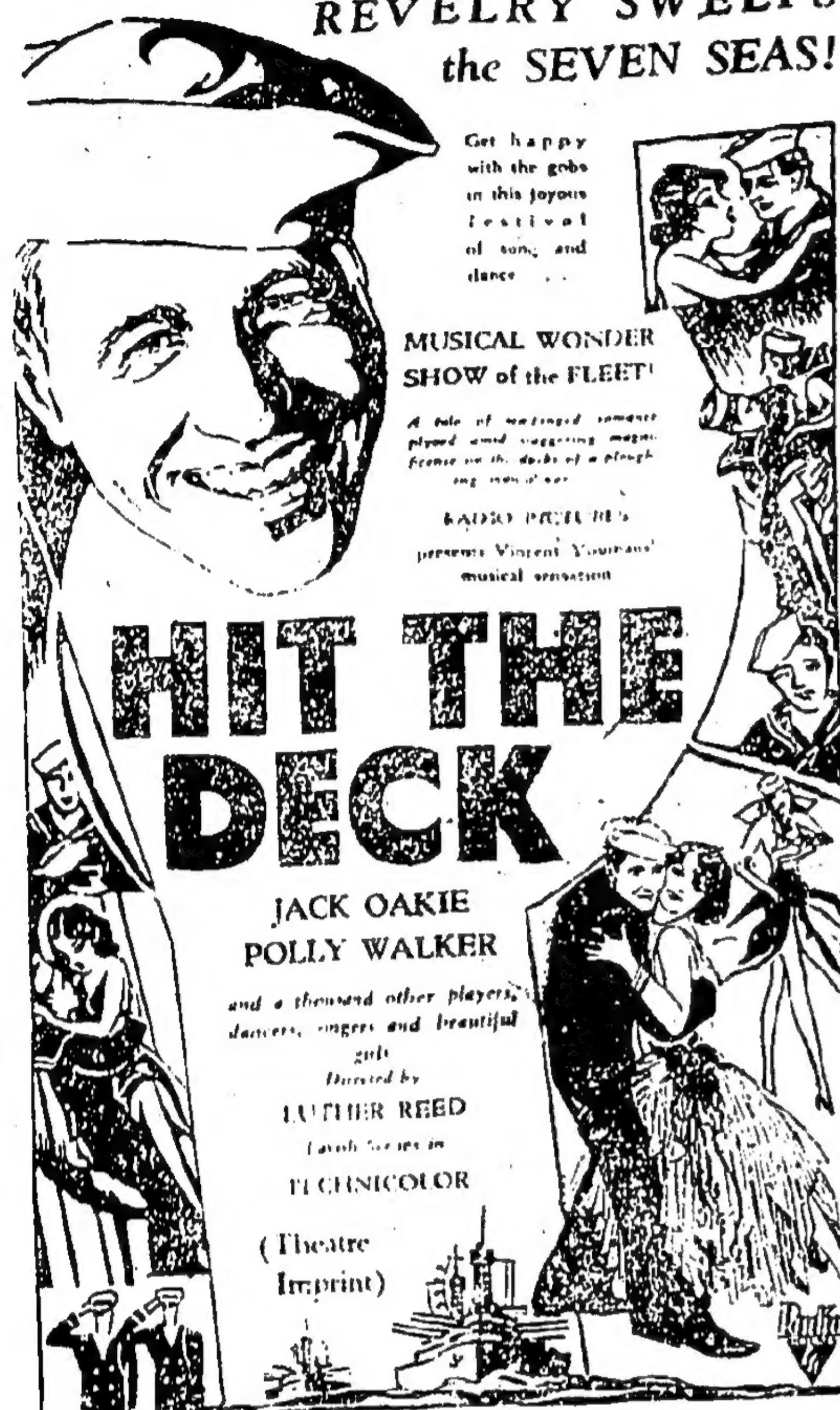
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LARCENY LAW TO BE AMENDED.

NEW BANKRUPTCY ORDINANCE BEING DRAFTED.

NECESSARY CHANGE.

The Government Gazette contains the draft of an Ordinance to amend further the law relating to Larceny.

It is explained that Section 82 (5) (a), (b) and (c) of the Bankruptcy Ordinance, 1891, Ordinance No. 7 of 1891, create three offences, which were adopted from the Debtors Act, 1869, 32 and 33 Vict. c. 62, s. 13. Though these provisions appear in the Bankruptcy Ordinance, the offences, unlike many other offences referred to in the Bankruptcy Ordinance, can be committed by persons who have neither been adjudicated bankrupt nor had a receiving order made against them.

A new Bankruptcy Ordinance, based on the English Bankruptcy Acts of 1914 and 1926, is in course of preparation, and the offences referred to in that Ordinance will be confined to persons against whom bankruptcy proceedings are taken. It is therefore necessary to provide elsewhere for the continuation of the general provisions of section 82 (5) (a), (b) and (c) of the present Bankruptcy Ordinance.

This is done accordingly by the repeal of the misplaced paragraphs and by the insertion of a new section in the Larceny Ordinance 1905.

Paragraph (d) in the new section is derived from section 6 of the Bankruptcy (Amendment) Act, 1926; but is not limited, as that section is, to the case of persons who have been adjudicated bankrupt or in respect of whose estates receiving orders have been made.

FRENCH BUDGET ADOPTED.

REMARKABLE MAJORITY FOR GOVERNMENT.

Paris, Mar. 13.—The Chamber, by 460 votes to 120, adopted the Budget as a whole, after the Government had been defeated by 326 to 245 votes on an amendment to the Budget for improving the conditions of promotion of school teachers, costing 200,000,000 francs, but the Premier did not make it a question of confidence.—Reuter.

Aerial Co.'s Position.

Paris, Mar. 13.—A combined attack on the Government in connexion with its Bill for reorganisation of the Aero Postale Company which conducts air services to West Africa and South America and has been in difficulties owing to the suspension of a group of banks connected with it has failed. A Socialist amendment amounting to a vote of non-confidence in the Government was rejected by the Chamber by 300 to 215 votes at the end of an all-night sitting.

The attack centred in the position of M. Flandin, the Minister of Finance, who in reply denied that he had participated in the affairs of the Aero Postale Company or had had dealings with one of the suspended banks which financed the air line.—Reuter.

GERMAN EX-GENERAL REPROVED.

THREAT FROM REICHSWEHR CHIEF.

Berlin, Feb. 15.—A circular letter from the Commander-in-Chief of the Reichswehr to all officers, active and retired, of General's rank, has come to light through the indiscretions of the Faschist Deutsche Zeitung.

The Commander-in-Chief, General von Hammerstein, points out that a number of retired generals have criticised the Reichswehr and Reichswehr Ministry in print, on the basis of rumours and allegations which could have been disposed of by reference to the Ministry itself.

Such action, he writes, naturally causes the public to accuse the generals in question of disloyalty and supports the assertion that highly-placed officers only wait the moment of leaving the Service to turn against the Republic.

General von Hammerstein insists that it is the duty of high officers to maintain a decent reserve in such matters, even when retired, and goes so far as to threaten that he will have to deprive retired generals offending in this matter of the right to wear the uniform in order to make clear that they do not speak on behalf of the Reichswehr.

This letter is fiercely criticised by the Deutsche Zeitung as a gag for public-spirited men, but is welcomed by all Republican papers.

NO FLOGGING OF BANISHEES.

DEPORTATION LAW CHANGES.

IMPORTANT CHANGES IN ORDINANCE.

DRAFT BILL ISSUED.

Extensive amendments of the law relating to deportation are contained in the draft of an Ordinance, shortly to be introduced in the Legislative Council, which appears in the current issue of the Government Gazette. There are various changes made in procedure, while the flogging of returned banishees is to be abolished, as this punishment is not considered suitable.

The object of the Ordinance is to amend the principal Ordinance (No. 26 of 1917) by reverting to the arrangement adopted in the case of the previous principal Ordinance (No. 9 of 1912), under which the provisions relating to deportation orders against British subjects were dealt with in a section separate from that which dealt with the deportation of aliens and to introduce special safeguards in the case of British deportations. The Ordinance also amends the procedure in certain details as the result of experience acquired in practice.

Holocidic Removed.

Section 2 of the Ordinance removes sections 3 and 4 of the principal Ordinance and substitutes new sections 3, 3A, 4, 4A, 4B and 4C. Of these the new section 3 (1) (a) authorises the issue of summary orders against alien banishees from other parts of the Empire.

Sections 8, 9, 10 and 12 (3) of the principal Ordinance prohibit the residence here of banishees from the Straits Settlements, and Malay States and Borneo, and dealt with the penalties to be imposed and the evidence to be adduced if they were found here.

For some years it has been found impracticable to impose these penalties. It is moreover illogical to limit the exclusion of alien deportees to those deported only from the places named. It seems desirable therefore to abolish altogether the automatic exclusion and to make provision for the issue of local summary orders if and whenever it is considered desirable to get rid of the alien deportees from other parts of the Empire.

Detention Provisions.

The new section 3A extends the time authorised by the Detention Warrant to fourteen days.

The new section 3B (1) authorises detention where necessary in cases where the summary procedure is adopted. The new section 3B (2) is derived from the old section 4 (9) and authorises the further detention of persons already in custody for periods of seven days at a time where such detention is necessary to complete the inquiry or proceedings. The period of four days hitherto authorised has been found insufficient.

Judge to Report.

Sub-sections (2) and (3) of the new section 4 insist on long procedure in the presence of a judge in chambers and a report from the judge as to whether or not the allegations are in his opinion well founded in the case of the deportation of British subjects.

The new section 4C authorises courts and magistrates to recommend aliens for banishment.

Police Custody.

Section 8 of this Ordinance amends the condition on the recognizance of bail so as to provide for surrender into police custody instead of surrender at the House of Detention. It also amends the method of completing the period which is to elapse before a deportee must leave the Colony.

Section 10 of the Ordinance repeals a sub-section of section 85 of the Magistrates' Ordinance, 1890, which authorised the flogging of returned banishees, as this punishment is not considered suitable.

FISHING JUNK WRECKED.

FIVE SURVIVORS IN HONGKONG.

A report of a fishing junk having been wrecked in a squall on Thursday off Tung Wan was brought to the Colony by the crew, comprising three men and two women, who were rescued by another fishing junk.

One of them is in hospital suffering from after-effects. The junk, after sinking in six fathoms of water, was raised with the assistance of the passing junk.

RAID BY RUSSIAN TROOPS.

LIVESTOCK SEIZED ON THE MONGOLIAN BORDER.

MUKDEN PERPLEXED.

Mukden, Mar. 13.—Quite a sensation was caused early this week by the unexpected and rather mysterious arrival of 3,000 Russian soldiers along the Inner and Outer Mongolian frontier, where they seized much livestock.

The Manchurian Government is perplexed over this sudden movement by the Soviet authorities but refuses to comment on the situation pending an official enquiry. It is believed to be part of a Soviet plot to occupy Chinese territories in Outer Mongolia.

Chinese shipping companies conferred here yesterday and decided to take concerted action in presenting a strong protest to General Moh Teh-hui, Chinese plenipotentiary attending the Moscow Conference, demanding that the Soviet authorities return all vessels commandeered from Chinese companies recently.

It will be recalled that many vessels were seized by Soviet militarists during the 1930 Soviet-Manchurian clash. The shipping owners suggest that General Moh should submit a protest at the Conference.

General Moh is returning to Russia to continue with the discussion on the settlement of the C.E.R. dispute, leaving Harbin on Saturday next week.

RAN THROUGH £250,000.

ENGLISHMAN DIES IN POVERTY.

Paris, Feb. 15.—In connexion with the death at a Royal hotel of the former English airman, Mr. Godfrey Herbert Mundy, caused by an overdose of a narcotic it is reported that the hotel bill had been handed to Mr. Mundy the day before his death occurred, but was not paid.

It is presumed that he had come to the end of the fortune left to him by his grandfather.

A person who saw him shortly before his death said Mr. Mundy had been much depressed because he could not marry the woman he loved.

Five years ago, at the age of 21, Mr. Mundy inherited a fortune of £250,000 from his grandfather, and two years later he appeared in the Bankruptcy Court.

He would have been buried in a pauper's grave but for the intervention of his father, who informed the authorities that the expenses of the funeral would be paid. Mr. Mundy spent £50,000 on presents for actresses, and gave parties in London, Paris, Berlin, Vienna and Monte Carlo. In less than two years his money had gone and he moved from his Mayfair flat to a bed-sitting room in Pimlico.

Major Mundy arranged to allow his son sufficient money to live, but the young man would not touch the allowance.

For a little while he was a builder's labourer in Brittany. Nothing more was heard of him until a former servant of Major Mundy, who lives at Royan, telegraphed the news of the tragedy.

TAJMAHAL SILK STORE.

NEW PREMISES OPENING ON MONDAY.

Another event of interest to the ladies of Hongkong is the opening of the new premises taken by the Tajmahal Silk Store, in the King's Theatre Building, which is announced for Monday.

It is not much more than a year that this firm opened a small store in China Building, moving a few weeks later to larger premises in Wyndham Street. The growth of the business soon found these premises insufficiently large, while the location was not quite suitable. The new site was therefore chosen, and Hongkong provided with another up-to-date silk store.

'IM AND ME.'

'Im and me, we neems to be Fair contort so long as we Are left alone, just 'im and me.'

'Im and me, we spends our days Climbing tracks and lonely ways, Just 'im and me's enough, we says.'

'Me and 'im ain't in the swim Of social life, not me and 'im; Bore us stiff, both me and 'im.'

'We don't like Parson, me and 'im; He says as dogs, not even 'im. Can't go to heaven, same as 'im.'

'Well, we don't care, not 'im and me; We'll go to hell, so long as we Can be together, 'im and me.'

'If God is what He's 'posed to be, He won't part us, 'im and me; He'll understand both 'im and me.'

'So we ain't worried, me and 'im; We knows as certain, me and 'im. He'd never waste a dog like Tim.'

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